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LIVE BETTER ELECTRICALLY

Our members will remember the old saying about the shoemaker's children going without shoes. We as Electrical Workers, through the International office and locally, have been helping to promote the nation-wide campaign underway to get the American family to "Live Better Electrically."

The first step in this campaign is to get all users of electricity to eliminate conditions which may result in fire, accident or even loss of life. Which brings us to this point—we as Electrical Workers should lead the way.

So—here's a list of rules. Check right now. See that your home is okay electrically. Don't be like the proverbial shoemaker.

NEVER:

- 1** hang a cord over a nail, or wrap it around a pipe or bedstead or fasten it to the woodwork. Damaged insulation could cause a fire.
 - 2** use defective switches of any kind.
 - 3** permit floor lamp cords to be hidden under rugs or to be stepped on. Insulation is not made for such abuse.
 - 4** use appliance cords that have become worn and frayed.
 - 5** use larger than 15-ampere plug fuses for lighting circuits unless you are certain your house has been wired with the larger No. 12 wire throughout. Never use larger than 20-ampere fuses in any event.
 - 6** use any substitute for a fuse such as a penny, tinfoil, etc. Remember, fuses protect against overloads.
 - 7** have any electrical wiring or other repairs done except by union electricians.
 - 8** use any type of electrical appliances while in the bathtub. Severe shock may result.
 - 9** use small heaters, not intended for the purpose, to vaporize inhalants.
 - 10** operate a switch while the free hand is resting on a metal stand, pipe or other metal.
 - 11** string extension cords through doorways or fasten them to woodwork. Injured cords are dangerous.
 - 12** disconnect appliances by tugging on the cord. Grasp plug firmly and pull out gently.
 - 13** have too few circuits for the electrical appliances you use. Install more circuits as you add appliances.
 - 14** buy unapproved appliances or wiring. Check for the Underwriters Laboratories label. And we add—look for the union label.
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Visitors to our International Office stop by telephone operator's desk on 8th floor.



In his office, President Gordon Freeman (right) confers with Vice President Art Edwards and International Representative Johnny Johnson.

IN the course of a year thousands of persons from every walk of life pay a visit to the International Office of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, familiarly known to the Brotherhood membership as the "I.O."

The persons who visit our office have varied reasons for doing so. International officers from other unions, Government officials, teachers, salesmen, reporters, teams of foreign visitors, students, all are welcomed and given assistance to the best of our ability.

Members Visit

However, the visitors we are most happy to see are our own members, from locals large and small all over the United States and Canada, who come to see "their office" and "their employees" in operation. There are many hundreds of these each year, some who have never seen their International Office before. Others pay us a second or third visit to renew old acquaintance and observe any changes or improvements "since the last time."

All of these Brothers and Sisters are extremely welcome. We are proud of our headquarters office, proud of the good work our employees are doing here. We are glad to have members come and observe and find out first hand for what services their per capita is being spent.

However, for every member who has an opportunity to visit the I.O., there are perhaps a thousand more who do not have that opportunity. It is for them that this new series is being written. We propose to give in photos and text, a picture of the International Office just as a visitor coming to 1200-15th Street would see it.

Heart of Washington

Our building is situated right in the heart of Washington, in sight of the Capitol and within walking distance of the White House.

It is located on the corner of 15th and M Streets. A hotel, an ear, nose and throat hospital and an apartment building occupy the other three corners. Most of our members are pleased at the appearance of our building, a full description of which appears in another article in this magazine.

Entering the lobby, they note on the bulletin board, that IBEW

visitors take the elevator to the 8th floor. Stepping out of the elevator on that floor, they find themselves in a sizable reception room presided over by our switchboard operator who also serves as a receptionist. On being informed that the visitors are IBEW members who want to see their building, she calls a member of the International Office staff who will take the visitors on a guided tour.

The tour begins there on the 8th floor. Behind the walnut door to the right of the reception room are the offices of the International President and International Secretary as well as those of several of their assistants.

President's Office

A look into the office of President Freeman shows an attractive corner room, walnut-paneled, and may find him engaged in any one of the many phases of his work of directing the operations of our 700,000 member union. He may be

A VISIT TO THE I.O.

FIRST OF A NEW SERIES

found dictating, conferring with members of his staff, meeting with officers of other unions, or analyzing reports and correspondence. All of these activities are subject to interruption by frequent telephone calls. When not involved in a conference, he is always glad to take a moment to greet a fellow IBEW member.

Secretary Keenan's office is much the same. It is located in the other corner on the same side of the building. He too is always glad to say "hello" to our members when not too engrossed in working out the many details concerned with operation of our International Office, its records keeping, investment policies, etc.

In between President Freeman's office and Secretary Keenan's, are two other offices. One is occupied by Robert E. Noonan, who serves as first assistant to Mr. Freeman, and the other is assigned to Representative William C. Creveling, who serves as an Assistant to the President with the primary function of working with Mr. Noonan on much of the detailed work of the President's Department.

Opposite these offices is that occupied by Miss Bernadine Quinn, secretary to Mr. Freeman and Mr. Keenan, and Mrs. Dorothy Cherry, who assists her in taking care of all secretarial work, making of reservations, appointments, etc., for

Miss Bernadine Quinn (right), secretary to President Freeman and Secretary Keenan, is assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Cherry.



Visit to office of Robert Noonan (right), first assistant to President Freeman, finds him conferring with IR Johnny Johnson.



Vice President Art Edwards (left) greets a fellow Texan, Assistant to the President Frank Graham, who handles IO jurisdictional problems.



In office of Secretary Keenan (left), a conference is attended by Leo Woolls, who heads Accounting Department, and R. W. McCambridge, who is personnel director at IO.



International Representative Bill Creveling, aide to Mr. Noonan, dictates to Miss Hazel Lipscomb.



Fred B. Irwin, Assistant to President Freeman, checks maps to determine an area of operations.

In photo below, a portion of the IO's modern, well-lighted stenographic section can be seen.



Mr. Freeman, Mr. Keenan and Mr. Noonan.

On the other side of President Freeman's office is that belonging to Representative Frank Graham, who handles among other things all questions of jurisdiction and problems connected with the building and construction industry.

Treasurer's Office

The next office is occupied by Mr. Fred B. Irwin, who handles numerous duties in his capacity as an Assistant to Mr. Freeman. Additional work in the field of apprentice and journeyman training assigned him recently, made necessary his resignation as International Treasurer.

Until recently, Mr. Louis Sherman, General Counsel for our Brotherhood, had his office on the eighth floor. He now occupies a suite of rooms, including a library and conference room, on the fifth floor, together with his secretary, Miss Isabel Kessler and his assistant, Mr. William Brown.

Advise Visitors

Many IBEW visitors to the International Office meet with Mr. Sherman or Mr. Brown to discuss numerous legal problems besetting labor unions in this day and age

of Taft-Hartley and "Right-to-Work" laws.

Steno Department

On the opposite side of the reception hall is a huge room, known simply as the Stenographic Department. Miss Mary Heister is supervisor here, assisted by Miss Mary Donlin. Ten stenographers handle the dictation and typing concerned with the work of staff members assisting Mr. Freeman and Mr. Keenan in the I.O.

Members of this department are also trained in the use of various

Big delivery of morning mail arrives at IO and is sorted by Mail Clerk Ruth Smith.



Mrs. Bertha Bridges, who processes pension and death claims, checks claim.



Joan Bentz files a telegram on one of the latest Western Union sending devices.



Miss Mary Heister (seated), supervisor of Stenographic Department, confers with Miss Mary Donlin, assistant supervisor. In the background, Lillie Belle Vaughn operates Verifax machine, a duplicating instrument.



office machines used to facilitate and speed up the work of the department—the teletype, for example, and the Verifax Machine which makes copies of letters and other material in a matter of seconds.

Heavy Mail Volume

All mail, thousands of pieces daily, is received in the Stenographic Department, slit by machine and dated, then forwarded to the person or department responsible for handling it.

In addition several other specific work loads operate from this room.

Pension and Death Claims

One of these is the Pension and Death Claim division. Here, Mrs. Bertha Bridges, assisted by Mrs. Merle Wellman, receives and processes hundreds of claims for death benefits every month and thousands of applications for pensions every year.

Headquarters for ordering and sending out supplies and jewelry is also in this room. Miss Doris Froman is in charge of this operation, assisted by Mrs. Regina Bell. Miss Froman is also in charge of

ordering and issuing our IBEW union labels.

Local Receipts

At still another desk, Mrs. Barbara Cox and Mrs. Lucille Roberts open and process the periodic reports from the local unions. Receipts, Journal sheets and remittances from our 1750 locals are separated, dated, and forwarded to the respective departments responsible for the posting them to local unions' and members' accounts and depositing checks and money orders.

Often local union visitors to the I.O., in addition to an interest in seeing the headquarters building and meeting some of the employees working there, avail themselves of the opportunity to take care of many items of business in person. As they visit each floor and are introduced to the people responsible for carrying out details which keep our organization "tick-ing," they are able to ask questions, get material, make purchases, straighten out small problems—in short—handle in one brief visit what it might conceivably take half a dozen letters to accomplish.

On the Eighth floor, then, any questions that would have to be settled directly by Mr. Freeman or Mr. Keenan, plus questions of Constitutional interpretation, matters of jurisdiction etc., can be taken care of in the various offices mentioned.

Miss Doris Froman (seated), in charge of all supply orders at IO, confers with her assistant, Mrs. Regina Bell.



Local union receipts and money received in mail are handled by Barbara Cox and Lucille Roberts.





Mary Knight, from stenographic department, confers with Isabel Kessler, secretary to General Counsel Louis Sherman.

The IBEW's general counsel, Mr. Sherman, is shown at his desk at the IO.



In the big Stenographic Department, provided a visitor is brave enough to venture into this domain populated entirely by the fair sex, he may check up on a Death Claim or a Pension Application, purchase jewelry, collect any mail he might be expecting, send a telegram, make inquiries concerning clerical details etc.

If the visitor must wait to transact his business with any Representative or staff employe, a com-

fortable waiting room is provided, supplied with reading material.

With that brief portrait of the physical set-up and the people who work there, we leave the eighth floor at International headquarters, and conclude this portion of our tour. Next month we will pay a visit to the seventh floor and tell a little about the people who have their offices there and the work that they do.

Union Industry Show

This year's big Union Industry Show will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, in the Municipal Auditorium, May 16-21. We hope all our members in Kansas City and as far distant as possible, will reserve a date during this period for a visit to the show.

The International Office, in cooperation with our Kansas City locals and union manufacturers will have a display booth on the main floor of the auditorium and will give away a number of valuable union-made electrical products.

Visitors to the International Office are proud of the neat looking building, which is attractive without being ostentatious, which is our headquarters office. It is located in one of the most desirable sections of downtown Washington at the corner of 15th and M streets.

While our headquarters building has always been presentable and well kept, a face-lifting job performed on it two years ago has enabled the IBEW to make its contribution, together with other international unions in the Nation's Capital, to making Washington the "city of beautiful buildings."

The face-lifting process is illustrated in the accompanying photographs. However, the operation was not performed solely for appearances sake.

Our building formerly had a face of limestone on its first six floors, with the two top floors fronted with terra cotta in a matching gray shade, and terra cotta cornices.

The terra cotta had seriously deteriorated, permitting moisture to penetrate the outside walls, causing constant damage to the interior of our building.

As the photos show, the old stone facing was stripped from the building and the backup material was repaired and brought to an even elevation at all floor levels. Next a weather-proofing membrane was applied over which new stone was placed. Minnesota red granite was applied at the first and second story levels and Alabama limestone on the other six floors.

In conjunction with this work, all wooden window sashes were replaced with aluminum sash and thermopane windows installed, both for more attractive appearance and for saving in heating and air-conditioning costs.

The stone replacement operation employed in the face-lifting of our building was one of the first of its type performed on the East Coast. Since its completion several other buildings in Washington have been renovated for better service and more attractive appearance, by this same process.

Job of Face Lifting



This is the headquarters building as it appeared before the face-lifting job began. Stone facing was stripped and back-up material repaired and exterior evened.



At left is the headquarters structure in Summer, 1954, when work was underway on stripping old facing and repairing the back-up material.



This is the neat "new face" of the IBEW headquarters building. Stone replacement operation which produced this handsome look was one of first of its type.



This photo, made April 27, 1955, shows new facing going on while other portions of exterior are being repaired. Alabama limestone was applied to top six floors.



AFL-CIO

WINTER COUNCIL MEET

AS your JOURNAL went to press newspapers of our nation were headlining the Senate probe into alleged union racketeering and corruption. Some of the disclosures have been startling and most distasteful to the rank and file union members as well as to the thousands of local and international union officers whose honesty and integrity cannot be questioned.

Public reaction to this investigation and its attendant publicity can only do untold damage to all of organized labor, particularly with those only too prone to "tar all with the same stick." Predictions that this probe will add an epidemic of anti-labor proposals to the ones already in existence are perhaps too well founded for labor's peace of mind.

There is one source of satisfaction to which all of organized labor has recourse, however, and that is the firm stand taken by the AFL-CIO Executive Council at its winter meet concluded some six weeks ago.

House in Order

The Council struck a strong blow against corruption and proved conclusively to members of AFL-CIO unions that it intends to keep its own house in order in its adoption of three rigid Ethical Practices Codes. The codes cover health and welfare funds, racketeers, crooks, Communists and Fascists and the conflict of interest in the investment policies of trade union officials.

The Council spoke out clearly with regard to Congressional investigations, directing its affiliated international unions to remove from office officials who invoke the Fifth Amendment before a Con-

gressional Committee or any other "properly constituted" tribunal.

The AFL-CIO has boldly stated that it will not permit the good name of the labor movement to be sullied by those few crooks or racketeers who are hiding behind the Fifth Amendment in an effort to conceal their offenses against other union members and the rights and funds of workers.

Backing up the Council's policy statement against corruption and its adoption of its Ethical Practices

Code, lengthy hearings were conducted with regard to three unions under fire—the Laundry Workers, Distillery Workers and Allied Industry Workers.

As a result of the hearings, these three unions, by unanimous vote of the Council, were given 90 days (until the next Council meeting) to "clean up or get out."

Other important steps were taken at the Council's winter meet in addition to its important work of fighting corruption and insuring a

John J. Mara (left), president of Union Label and Service Trades Dept., and Joe Lewis, secretary-treasurer of the department, chat with President Freeman during session.



clean house for labor. We summarize these here.

A "Jurisdictional Committee," of which Secretary Joseph D. Keenan is a member, was set up to resolve current differences in the Building Trades-Industrial Union dispute.

The Council called for full support for COPE in 1957 in which year a large number of important municipal and state elections will be held.

The Council also passed a resolution asking that each local union and each central body name a permanent registration committee to be paid out of union funds.

Rail Union Admitted

The Council admitted to membership in the AFL-CIO a rail union, the American Train Dispatchers' Association. This is the second rail union to affiliate with the federation since merger, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen being the first.

The Council authorized an intensive "white-collar" organizing drive, with some 40 new organizers to be hired to spark the drive.

The Council reviewed the situation as it now exists with regard to merger of state and local bodies and stated definitely that the deadline date (December 5, 1957) for accomplishment of all mergers, *will not* be extended.

A new Vice President, James A. Suffridge, president of the Retail Clerks' International Association,



Discussing problems of the AFL-CIO Metal Trades Dept. are, from left: B. A. Gritta, the department's secretary-treasurer; President Freeman, John H. Lyons of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and Charles MacGowan of the Boilermakers.

was named a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. He succeeds A. L. Spradling, president of the Motor Coachmen, who resigned because of ill health.

Among the top recommendations advanced by the Executive Council were:

- Extension of minimum wage protection to millions of workers not presently covered and consideration of increasing the minimum from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour.
- Increase in Social Security benefits by 10 per cent and a plan

to provide hospitalization and home nursing service for retired persons under Social Security.

- More aid for medical education and research.
- Relaxation of the "tight money" policy, which is working a hardship on farmers, small businessmen and economically depressed areas.
- Tax relief for low and middle income families to be offset by plugging loopholes that favor high-income executives and corporations.
- Civil rights legislation that will "give practical meaning" to the basic rights guaranteed all Americans in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
- Liberalization of the Immigration Laws.

Many other problems too numerous to mention here came before the Council for discussion and action. Before adjourning, however, the Council set the date of its next meeting for May 20 in Washington, D. C. and decided on November 18, 1957 and Miami Beach, Florida as the date and site of the next AFL-CIO Convention.



Secretary Joseph D. Keenan, an AFL-CIO Executive Council member, studies papers during meeting. Beside him is Maurice Hutcheson of Carpenters.

EDITORIAL

By GORDON M. FREEMAN, *Editor*

Conference in Washington

Last month in Washington a most important conference was held. It was called by the AFL-CIO for affiliated unions, and the subject of the meeting was "Atomic Radiation Hazards."

This was a conference which the officers of our Brotherhood were most happy to see called. The IBEW has been a pioneer among labor unions both in promoting the use of atomic energy for peaceful uses, and in furthering the safest working methods and conditions for its members, and for all workers associated in the atomic energy process.

When the force of the atom comes to be used extensively to generate power for the lamps of our nation and the machines in its factories, more IBEW members will be linked to that production than those of any other union. Therefore we are most interested in knowing all the facts and learning to work with them *now*.

The dangers of atomic radiation and learning to cope with them is nothing new to us. A number of our unions have already set up courses in radiation monitoring and are employing most extensive training programs for atomic workers and potential atomic workers.

At the AFL-CIO Washington conference, our readers will be glad to know that the largest number of delegates representing any International union came from the IBEW, with 35 local union officers from 15 different states in attendance.

With a vital stake in this question of radiation hazards, the IBEW earnestly requests all its members to take a keen interest in the problem. At the moment, our utility members are those most concerned, but as the peaceful use of the atom spreads and grows, bringing benefit to all, each segment of our industry will become more and more affected. Now is the time to prepare and to continue to lead the way for the other unions and all working people to follow.

Journeyman Training

Mention of radiation monitoring courses in the previous editorial, gives us another opportunity to stress once again, the need for journeyman training programs throughout our Brotherhood. If it appears to our readers that this is a subject which your Officers and Representatives continually "harp" on, believe us—it is no accident! This matter of advanced training for our members is of extreme importance

and we would be remiss in our obligation to our members if we did not stress it at every opportunity.

The solid increase in the number of our locals which have recently begun education and training classes for their members has been most gratifying to your International Officers. Each month, letters to the "Local Lines" section of our JOURNAL, reports from our Representatives, and regular correspondence with the International Office, reveal more and more locals engaged in the important work of fitting our members to do a better job. Electronics, Code, blueprints, modern electrical methods—these and many more are subjects which journeyman wiremen are going back to school to learn more about. What has been accomplished in many local unions in recent months is splendid, and we are sure the members of those locals will soon be reaping the rewards of their ambition and farsightedness in better jobs and higher wages.

However, our pride in the accomplishment of some of our locals is overshadowed by the apathy of others—those which have made no effort to train their members for an electrical future, which is by virtue of atomic energy and electronics and automation bound to be vastly different from the past we have known.

Jobs—many jobs—are opening up every day in the electrical field—jobs which are being filled by engineers and so-called electrical experts. These jobs belong to us—but only if we are ready for them. If we are not ready for them, if we are passed by now because we lack the ability, if we miss this chance to get in on the ground floor, we may never get another opportunity. We must not, we cannot, let a comparatively few hours of advanced training cheat us of such opportunities. The time to act is now.

Stake In International Affairs

Recently, members of our Brotherhood, as well as those of other International Unions and the officers of the AFL-CIO, have been disturbed by the attitude of some of our good Brothers and Sisters toward international affairs. It is extremely annoying, even a little frightening, to hear some of our people make such remarks as this: "What do we care about foreigners. Let's just look after ourselves!"

What these people seem to forget is that aside from any natural feeling of humanitarianism, we have a big stake in the welfare of the rest of the world and that we can't really "look after ourselves," unless the

rest of a disrupted, dissatisfied world can find some measure of peace and security also.

Recently, the AFL-CIO in its monthly magazine the *American Federationist* discussed this problem of why American trade unionists should be interested in international affairs. Briefly the reasons, in which we of the IBEW heartily concur, are these.

While our principal aim as American union members is to develop the strongest possible trade union movement in the United States, that condition can only come in an atmosphere of freedom and peace.

Trade unionists are notably good citizens. As good citizens in a democracy then, they must stand for the principles of democracy. One of these principles is that the people govern. Foreign relations, then, must be the concern of all the citizens and not solely the business of government.

Thirdly, as active members of the American trade union movement each of us is essentially a member of a "League for Human Decency," for that really is a definition of the trade union movement of the world. By virtue of being trade union members, we automatically belong to this League. The least then that we can do is to join other trade unionists throughout the world in an attempt to preserve democracy and advance the cause of social justice.

Yes, international affairs is not just Government business. It's not the diplomat's business. It is our business—the business of every man and woman who wants to survive and live out his life in peace and security.

Women in the IBEW

This editorial this month is intended to be a small tribute to the women in our ranks. For many years, members of organized labor have looked upon IBEW as a predominantly male union. It is true, of course, that we have hundreds of thousands of male members in our construction, utility, radio and TV, railroads, manufacturing and other fields. However, the steady growth of our manufacturing and telephone locals and clerical groups within our local unions has sent our female membership soaring, so that now a third or more of our membership may be counted on the distaff side.

This fact was brought home to us quite vividly in one of the latest bulletins put out by the United States Department of Labor, entitled "Handbook on Women Workers."

In listing female membership in labor unions, IBEW appears as third on the roster, topped only by the ILGWU and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

We've known for a long time how strong our Brotherhood was on the distaff side but it is nice to have Uncle Sam put it in writing. We'd also like to add at this point that our women members, those who have really grasped the true meaning of unionism, cannot be topped in their loyalty and devotion to the union cause. They make excellent officers and stewards. We are proud to pay them tribute this month on the editorial pages of our JOURNAL.

"Forgotten Man" Has a Friend

Organized labor has always proved itself to be a friend to all worthy people who need help. Living up to its reputation, the AFL-CIO, led by its President, George Meany, has launched a fight to attempt to bring 10,000,000 new workers under the one dollar an hour minimum wage.

President Meany has called the Administration proposals with regard to the minimum wage, "narrow and restricted." He called the clerks in the big chain stores, telephone company employes, restaurant and hotel workers and agricultural and processing workers employed by big corporate farms, the "forgotten men and women of our economy" and pledged full AFL-CIO support to help them.

The bill which the AFL-CIO is supporting is one proposed by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, which would extend the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act to some 10,000,000 persons now in interstate commerce in large firms, who are still unprotected by Federal Law.

The IBEW is urging all its member unions to get behind this drive also and to do all in their power to help push it through, remembering that what helps one worker in any community eventually helps all.

On Keeping Members

Last year during our 65th Anniversary Year, our Representatives and local union officers and members gave splendid cooperation in our drive to initiate new members into our ranks. We reported progress as of our Anniversary date in November at 99,608 new members sworn into our Brotherhood. By the end of the year, our records showed nearly 120,000 new members initiated—more than double the goal we set for ourselves in January 1956. That was an excellent effort and most gratifying and encouraging.

However, there is always the proverbial "fly in the ointment." Our overall gain in members over the year—those we retained—was far less than 120,000. Of course deaths, seasonal employment, particularly in the manufacturing field, regular turnover, etc., account for an expected lessening in our net gain. And while we increased our membership figure to almost the 700,000 mark, we were disappointed not to hold all of the 120,000 new members initiated in 1956.

There is something wrong, some leak somewhere. In analyzing the situation we chalk some of the loss up to lack of union education. We failed to make real union members of *all* of these people, or else we would have kept them *all*. We'd like to do better on that score this year. We in the International Office are going to do what we can. Essentially, however, that is a job that we must depend on our local unions to perform. We earnestly urge our local union officers and staunch union members all during this year 1957 to become "new member conscious." Initiate all you can—then educate, so that the rule will apply in your local at least—"Once an IBEW member, always an IBEW member."



Today's demands for good music have ebbed from the demands in past days so large symphonies such as the National Symphony in Washington, D. C., have in many instances found difficulty in meeting financial requirements. Many of the nation's cities have subsidized musical organizations as necessary cultural assets.

Let's talk about Music

THIS article is being written in the spirit of its title. There are literally thousands of members in our Brotherhood who love good music and like to talk about it. We even have a number of our Electrical Workers who belong to the Musicians' Union as well as to the IBEW, and many who have members of their families in the American Federation of Musicians.

With hundreds of our Brothers and Sisters, Hi Fi and record collections have made a fascinating hobby for their leisure hours. The work of many of our members in the radio, TV and recording fields, as well as the record manufacturing industry, make music a natural subject for our JOURNAL—so, let's proceed to—"Talk about Music."

It is impossible to say today how music ever got started. Greek mythology tells the story that a nymph, being pursued by the great god, Pan, found herself cornered on a river bank and transformed herself into a reed. Pan then, to console himself, cut the reed and played a sad tune, thus creating the first flute.

A more practical explanation for the birth of music says that music was invented by a hunter of old, who delighted by the twang of his

bowstring, sat down and fashioned the first crude fiddle.

Studies of ancient peoples reveal that they had a crude form of music before they learned to speak a language. Savages believed the forces of nature to be gods and if they wanted sun or rain, they performed a sun dance or a rain dance. These were very primitive, of course, with hand clapping and stomping of feet, grunting, crying and chanting, in a weird sort of tune. And that very dissonant beginning was actually the birth of song.

The earliest civilizations, as studied by archeologists, had crude types of musical instruments. The first musical instruments ever used were two pieces of wood or stone, struck together in rhythmic pattern. Next men stretched an animal skin over a hollow log and made the first drum. After that came dried gourds filled with pebbles and shaken like rattles.

Three thousand years before Christ was born, in a section of southwestern Asia and northeastern Africa, lived peoples who had passed from the primitive stage to build the highest type of civilization the world had yet known. We refer to the Egyptians, Assyrians and Hebrews.



Johann Sebastian Bach is known as the father of modern music. He was a conductor, organist, and his music is marked by its arithmetic precision.

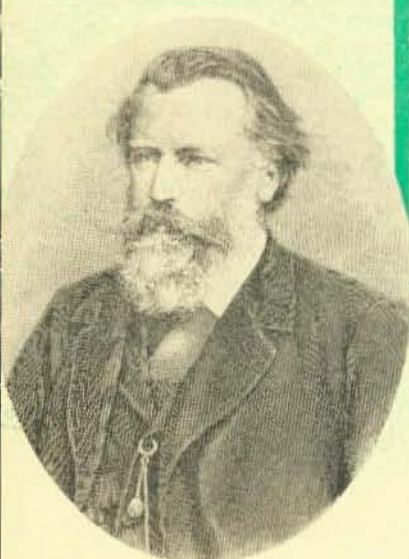
A visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York will show vast tombs of stone, 3000 years old, brought to New York from Egypt and the walls of these tombs are decorated with figures of singers and orchestra players of harps, lyres, lutes, flutes and sistrums (bell rattles).

Today we advertise in bold face an orchestra of 100 men. The Egyptians had 600 and thought nothing of it.

Ludwig von Beethoven has a pre-eminent position in music and is considered by many to be the greatest composer who has ever lived.



Arturo Toscanini had few if any peers as a conductor in all musical history. He was noted for his great climaxes.



Johannes Brahms was one of "The Three B's of Music;" Brahms, Bach and Beethoven. His music has emotion-appeal and technical perfection.

The Egyptians used a musical scale of whole steps and half steps, covering several octaves, similar to our own.

The British Museum in London and the Louvre in Paris have many ancient records unearthed from mounds near the River Tigris in Asiatic Turkey. These records prove that the Assyrians were even greater musicians than the Egyptians. They had many of the same type of instruments that we have—

percussion, wind and string. Some of the instruments pictured on their monuments are still in use in some of the Oriental countries today.

Since the Assyrians were a war-like nation, their instruments were made so that they could be strapped to their bodies, and they could carry them into battle easily.

And here is a striking note of human interest. The Assyrians were so fond of music that when they took prisoners of war, the musicians among them were spared, while all others were put to death.

We mentioned the Hebrews and their contribution to music. We get our knowledge of their music not from stone monuments and excavations but from Hebrew writings and the Bible itself.

The first musician mentioned in the Bible is Jubal. Genesis IV :21 records, "he was the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe (organ)."

Following that there are countless references to song and to music in the Old Testament. For example Exodus XV :1-2 "And Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand, and all

Opera brings together the arts of story-telling, instrumental music and singing perfection. Here is the opening scene of "Peter Grimes," a modern opera written by Benjamin Britten.





An early American piano made in Baltimore in 1812. The piano evolved from the earlier clavichord and harpsichord. Musical progress has spurred instrument makers as well as performers.

the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances."

And when the children of Israel were in the wilderness, Moses received from Jehovah the command: (Numbers X)

"Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them; that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly."

There are many more references, and it was the Christian peoples who through the Dark Ages of history preserved music, singing the psalms of David, and pure melody probably reached its climax in the chants of the early Christian Church.

This was also the beginning of part music and its success was passed on to the realm of instrumental music. This led, too, to creation of more and better musical instruments.

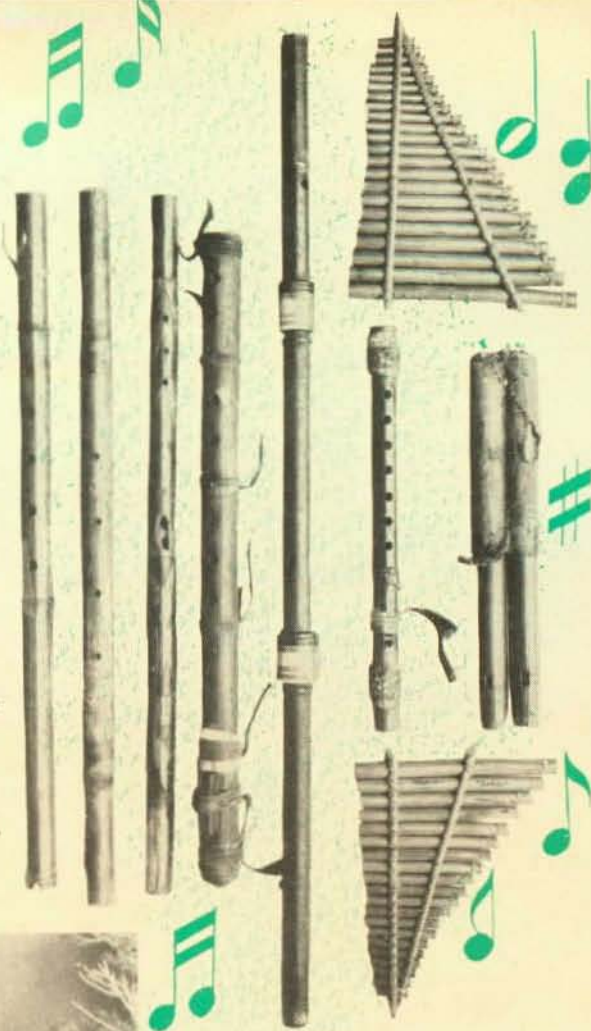
Below: An ancient Egyptian drawing shows slaves playing a variety of stringed instruments of the times.



About as crude as they come is this Samoan drum made by hollowing out a log. One advantage: if he failed to learn how to play, the would-be Samoan musician could always convert his instrument into a canoe and paddle mandolin home!



These primitive flutes of cane and wood show how the urge to make music is universal. Included are those from India, China, Egypt and American Indians (second, third, fourth from left).



Left: Apache Indians made crude fiddles but were considerably better at making war than at music.



Many of our instruments have changed little over a period of many years. Some members of the fiddle family have remained the same since the early 1700's. And it was during that same period that predecessors of the piano—the harpsichord and the clavichord—reached the highest development possible and led to the invention of the piano.

Instruments and great composers went hand in hand, one influencing the other. Great orchestral composers like Beethoven influenced the development of instruments. On the other hand growing perfection in certain instruments inspired composers—Chopin and the piano, for example.

And those who love and revere good music today owe much to the

patient composers and instrumentalists of yesteryear who worked under great handicap and strain to bring to the world some of its most glorious sound.

For example in the 17th Century, printed or engraved music was so rare and expensive that musicians could not afford to buy it and would make copies by hand. It is said that the great Johann Sebastian Bach's blindness was caused from the strain of copying notes when a boy. His brother had a precious book of music manuscript which he said was too valuable to loan to young Johann, so every night the young Bach slipped the manuscript from its hiding place and copied the tiny notes by the wavering light of the moon. The process took him six months.

We have devoted a large portion of this article to the early development of music because we felt it would be of deep interest to our IBEW music lovers everywhere.

No article on music, however brief and spotty, would be complete without some mention of folksongs. It is from folksongs that some of the world's greatest symphonic melodies have evolved. And too, in song, peoples of the world have found their greatest musical expression. There are many, many individuals who can play no musical instrument but there are very few who cannot sing, even if the quality of their voices (or lack of it) definitely limits them to the category of "bathtub" singers.

In primitive times before there were newspapers to give us news or books to read to tell us of the past or to entertain us, this service was performed by a ballad singer who naturally had to tell his tales from memory. Others listened over and over to the ballads and learned to repeat them and folk songs came to be "song created by the common people."

Because it springs from the common people then, folk music does not have any particular locale. It is perhaps true to say that there is not a people on earth that does not have a distinctive style and tradition all its own. There are the complex rhythms of African

and of East Indian folk music. There are the highly developed and melodic folk songs of Russia and the Balkans, the delicate Spanish airs, the hearty Dutch and German tunes, the haunting wistful quality of some of the Arab and Persian songs, the dignity and beauty of old English ballads and of course, the rollicking jovial

American mountain tunes and plaintive Indian melodies. All contribute their share to the wealth that is the world's music.

Now let us turn to the world's serious music to which the flippant refer as "long hair." We know that there were great musicians before Bach—Giovanni de Pales-

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New Treasurer Is Installed



Jeremiah P. Sullivan (seated), president of Local Union 3, New York City, is the new IBEW treasurer. Gathered around him, shortly after he took office, are from left: Secretary Joseph D. Keenan, President Gordon Freeman and Fred B. Irwin, assistant to the President, who had been acting treasurer since the death of William A. Hogan.

A new International Treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) was sworn into office on February 14, in the IBEW Council chambers of the headquarters office. He is Jeremiah P. Sullivan, president of IBEW Local Union 3, New York City.

Mr. Sullivan assumes the office formerly held for 47 years by another member of Local 3, William A. Hogan, who died November 15, 1955. Fred B. Irwin, Assistant to the International President, has held the position in the interim, but has now resigned the Treasurer's post because of increased duties at the International Office.

Present at the swearing-in ceremonies were International President Gordon M. Freeman, International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan and a group of International Representatives and staff members of the headquarters office.

Mr. Sullivan has been a member of Local 3 since August 1, 1912 and has served as its president since 1943.

With the Ladies



TV Guide

LOOKING over the Sunday paper recently and being a real TV addict, my attention was quickly drawn to the roster of television programs for the coming week. Taking stock of the titles gave rise to a number of topics which I thought might be subject matter for our page this month.

We might follow our own personal "TV Guide" to more success and happiness in our own home life. See what you think!

Let's take the popular program, "This Is Your Life." This one might well make us think that this is the only earthly life we're ever going to have, and that we should make the most of it. Too many people, often ourselves included, waste many valuable days, even years, not accomplishing much in life or even enjoying it, because we are constantly tormented by dissatisfaction — by hatred of things as they are. A wise man once prayed:

"O Lord give me the strength to change the things that I can change; resignation to accept those things which I cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference."

There in that sentence is the wisdom of ages and the key to contentment.



We must learn to live our lives as they are, better them, of course, by all the legitimate means in our power, but learning satisfaction through acceptance.

Recalling the actual program "This Is Your Life" inspires us to additional action also. Some of the subjects who appear on the program are celebrities, but many are just plain folks who have not "set the world on fire"

Here's a thought for those of us who might aspire to being more hospitable to our fellow men.

"Thou has made me known to friends whom I knew not.
Thou hast given me seats in homes not my own.
Thou has brought the distant near.

And made a brother of the stranger.

I was uneasy at heart,
When I had to leave my accustomed shelter;
I forgot that there abides the old in the new
And that there also thou abidest.
When one knows thee, then alien there is none,
Then no door is shut.
Oh, grant me my prayer
That I may never lose the touch of the one
In the play of the many."

Rabindranath Tagore

with their talents or prowess. They have been chosen for TV fame usually because they did little things extraordinarily well, because they have shown courage and strength in the face of misfortune, or because they have in kindness and thoughtfulness, been "their brother's keeper."

Let's pretend for a moment that we are subjects for "This Is Your Life." Are there devoted friends and neighbors who would be happy as those now appearing on TV are happy, to appear in our behalf? And if they did appear, would they have



worthwhile stories to tell of us and our kindness to them?

No time like the present to build a life you'd be proud to have paraded before the curious eyes of a million TV watchers!

There's another old saying that gives plenty of food for thought:

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any kindness I can do for any man, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

So—let's go girls! Let's become really fit subjects for "This Is Your Life."

Now for another popular TV program—"What's My Line?" This one gives rise to thoughts about our own line. Most of the people appearing before the panel of Arlene Francis, Bennett Cerf, et al, are pretty outstanding folks in their own profession.

In our profession, as housewives, how do we measure up in our particular field? Well, no time like the present to take inventory and see what the score is. Successful career women are good in their jobs. With the job of wives and mothers serving us for a career, how do we measure

up? If the job were a paying job, with chance for advancement, how would we measure up? Do you think, according to your qualifications for the job, you could hold your own in the open market?

If the frank answers to these questions leave something to be desired, then now's the time to effect a few improvements. Brush up on your housekeeping and your cooking, but more important, see that your tolerance, love and understanding are working at high efficiency.

Now, we can carry this discussion on and on, for each new program brings thought-provoking comments to mind.

How about the quiz shows—" \$64,000 Question" and " \$64,000 Challenge," for example?

If you are like I am, you just sit open-mouthed in amazement at the total knowledge amassed by some of the participants on these programs. And that " \$64,000 Challenge" can offer a challenge to us. A challenge to read and study and become a comparative expert in some field we're particularly interested in. The public library is full of books that can be read "for free" and knowledge is as near as the nearest book.

This fabulous little Teddy Nadler, an expert on everything, had practically no formal education. The majority of the contestants on both " \$64,000 Question and Challenge" are just plain people with no more education than the average person. But these people have acquired an avid interest in some particular subject and have learned everything they could about it.

How about us? Let's make a stab at doing the same. And, even if we never give Teddy Nadler a run for his money, we'll gain a lot of worthwhile knowledge for ourselves.

Let's run through a few more
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Barbecue Recipes

It will soon be that time of year when we get the yearning to cook out of doors. When that time comes, here are some barbecue specials we hope you'll try.

However, there's no need to wait. Barbecuing these days usually means preparing food with an appetizing sauce or marinade. It can be done in an ordinary oven as well as an outdoor grill or fireplace.

Basic Barbecue Sauce

(For Chicken, Pork Chops, Spareribs and Steaks)

- 2 tablesp. salad oil
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped onions
- 1 tablesp. Worcestershire
- 1 tablesp. brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teasp. paprika
- 2 tablesp. lemon juice or vinegar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup wine
- 1 cup chili sauce

Place oil and onions in saucepan. Cook and stir over low heat about 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Makes about $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sauce.

Barbecued Chicken

Have frying chicken ($2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 lbs.) cut into serving pieces. Wash; drain. Place in shallow baking dish. Brush with oil. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) about 45 minutes, or until lightly browned. Pour Barbecue Sauce over chicken; continue baking 45 minutes longer, or until chicken is tender. Baste frequently with sauce. Serves 4.

Barbecued Pork Chops

Cover pork chops with Barbecue Sauce. Let stand in refrigerator 24 hours. Remove chops from sauce. Cook as desired (broil, pan fry or bake) or grill outside, basting often with sauce.

Hamburgers (These are different!)

- 1 lb. ground beef
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teasp. pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. blue cheese
- 1 tablesp. wine
- 1 teasp. Worcestershire
- 2 tablesp. mayonnaise
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. dry mustard

Combine beef, salt, pepper; shape into 8 thin patties. Crumble blue cheese; combine with remaining ingredients. Divide into 4 parts. Spread each $\frac{1}{4}$ between 2 patties; press edges well together. Broil over hot coals. Serves 4, depending on appetite.

Spiced Ham Slices

- $4\frac{1}{2}$ tablesp. prepared mustard
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablesp. lemon juice
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups spiced grape jelly
- 3 ham slices, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick

Combine mustard, lemon juice, grape jelly. Brush ham slices with mixture. Place ham on hot grill, broil 10 to 12 minutes, or until ham is tender, turning and brushing frequently with sauce mixture during cooking. Cut each slice of ham in half for serving.

Indiana Fights 'Right-to-Work'

AS your JOURNAL went to press organized labor had just sustained a serious set-back in the State of Indiana. In spite of all that labor union members could do to prevent it, Indiana was added to the roster of states with union-wrecking "right-to-work" laws.

The measure became law when Governor Harold Handley went back on his implied promise to veto the bill. The bill passed the State Senate on March 1, with 25 Republicans and 2 Democrats voting for it—8 Republicans and 25 Democrats voting against. The House record polled previously found 60 Republicans voting for the bill, 8 against. Two Democrats voted for it, 20 against.

On March 2, the day after the "wrecker" passed the Senate, rank-and-file union members—10,000 of them—including large numbers of IBEW members, staged the greatest union protest meeting ever held in the State of Indiana.

The mass meeting convened at the State House, called by the Indiana Federation of Labor, in an effort to get Governor Handley to veto the bill as he had implied he would do. Less than two months ago, the Governor told a state AFL legislative meeting: "I cannot believe that the majority (Republican) party will allow this legislation to pass." During his campaign for the governorship last year, Handley had strongly indicated that he would veto any "right-to-wreck" law.

The Indiana "right-to-work" bill outlaws all forms of security contracts between employers and unions in the Hoosier State. Another very significant fact in this most recent blow to organized labor is the break through by anti-labor forces into our big industry states, since Indiana is the first major industrial state to adopt "right-to-work" legislation.

A political memo from COPE

comments on the Indiana situation as follows:

"As a direct result of labor's failure to elect enough liberals to the legislature and the governor's office, Indiana has become the first big industrial state to be saddled with the fraudulently named 'right-to-work' law."

The only thing our Indiana unionists can do now is start immediately to work for repeal, as the labor people of Louisiana had to do last year. It can be done but it is a long, hard, slow process. President Dallas Sells, of the State Industrial Union Council, predicted that any change or repeal in the "work" law is at least three or four years off.

We hope unionists in other states, still fortunate enough to be free of "right-to-work" laws, will learn a lesson from their Brother and Sister members in Indiana who are earnestly advising "Don't let it happen to you too."

Here's the situation as it faces organized labor in other parts of the country at this writing.

In Kansas, "wreck" law backers have maneuvered to the floor of the House a resolution calling for a referendum next year on their proposal to make "right-to-work" a part of the state Constitution.

In Delaware, opposition to the "wreck" law pending before the Revised Statutes Committee in the Legislature has continued to mount. The Republican-controlled City Council in Wilmington voted overwhelmingly to oppose the bill.

In Idaho, defeat of the two anti-labor bills before the legislature brought an end to one of the most intensive—and costliest—lobbying drives "wreck" law backers have conducted anywhere in the country this year.

Rejection of their effort came when the Democratic-controlled Senate, after a two-hour party caucus, moved to suspend the rules and voted down by a 24 to 20 vote

a bill banning the union shop which earlier had passed the House. Only one Democratic senator voted for the measure, in an otherwise straight party-line division.

Prior to the Senate action the Idaho House, reversing itself by a surprising margin, voted down the other pending "wreck" proposal which would have sent the issue to the voters in a referendum at the next general election. Although a two-third majority would have been necessary for passage, supporters mustered only 17 votes. There were 39 representatives voting against the measure.

In Colorado, late in February, labor won another big state legislative victory as that state became the second Western state to knock out a "right-to-work" rider on a civil rights bill. The purpose of the rider would be to wreck unions by outlawing the union shop. This same back-door method was employed in the state of Wyoming where it likewise met a decisive defeat.

In a number of other states—Connecticut, Maryland, New Mexico, Ohio, Vermont and West Virginia, bills for the so-called "right-to-work" laws have also been introduced.

With the Senate investigations going on presently and the attendant publicity sure to bring on a rash of anti-labor feeling, more and more attempts are going to be made to foist "right-to-work" and other anti-labor legislation on the free citizens of these United States. We urge our IBEW members and all members of organized labor to fight them now. We ask them too, to start now to work in every election campaign—municipal and state—to see that liberal, fair-thinking men and women are elected to office. If that is done and it can be done, then we will no longer have to fear anti-labor measures.

'Too Little . . . Too Late' Must Not Happen Again; Back COPE!

By Gordon M. Freeman, Editor

WE have had a number of comments in our Newsletters and *Journal* on the subject of "Post Mortem on the Election." However, there is still much to be said even at this date.

Shortly before your *Journal* went to press a letter was sent out from COPE—the AFL-CIO political arm—to the locals of our Brotherhood. This letter was issued on IBEW stationery with the full endorsement of your International officers, and bearing the signature of the International President. The letter was an appeal to every member of the IBEW to invest at least one dollar in 1957 COPE membership, just as soon as possible.

Forced to Fight

With the spread of anti-labor campaigns and more and more of our people being forced to fight the battle of "Right-to-Work," the job of our Committee on Political Education increases in importance every day.

Those whom we can only look upon as enemies to the labor cause, because of all the pressures they have attempted to bring against it, have money to spend to get what they want—and they are spending it.

During the last election campaign, anti-labor politicians stated that unions had built up huge "war chests" for political activity. The entire amount of money expended by labor forces in the 1956

campaign—to support liberals of both parties, was \$941,271.

By report of the Senate Elections Committee, just 12 families, including the Duponts, Rockefellers, Whitneys and Mellons, made donations of \$1,153,735. Thus 12 families spent \$212,464 more in the campaign than did 15 million trade unionists!

Why, just the officers and directors of one employer's organization, the National Association of Manufacturers, gave \$81,475 to the GOP (none to the Democratic party). In the face of competition like that, it certainly should not take much "selling" to convince the members of organized labor that it is to their advantage to expend at least a dollar each to help the COPE cause along. For the COPE cause—to educate union members and the general public with regard to issues and candidates—is certainly the cause of every member of organized labor.

Potent Force

There are many illustrations for the old, old maxim, "United we stand, divided we fall." A union member, alone, can do little to buck the powerful forces of big business. He could spend a dollar or 100 dollars and create not even a ripple in the anti-labor tide perhaps prevalent in his community.

But when that man unites with 15 million more, his fellow members in the AFL-CIO, when he

registers and votes for the candidates proven to be his friends and the friends of all working men and women, when he adds his dollar to 14,999,999 more to be used to educate and support, he becomes a real force to be reckoned with.

"Off-Year" Election

With its current appeal for COPE funds, the AFL-CIO, by resolution of its Executive Council, is calling on every union to work for a year-round registration drive. There will be a lot of important state and municipal elections in 1957 and of course the year 1958 will bring another terrifically important "off-year" election.

Therefore it is essential that we begin to get all our labor people registered *now*. It is essential that every union member become a member of COPE *now*.

Many AFL-CIO unions received Honor Awards in 1956 for 100 percent participation in the COPE drive. IBEW members, ever since the days when International Secretary Joe Keenan was Director of COPE's predecessor, LLPE, have led all other unions in amount of contributions. Therefore, we are looking forward to having many such awards made to IBEW locals in 1957. These will be reported in our Newsletters and in the *Journal*.

Too often labor's failures have been the old, old story—"too little and too late." Let's not let that happen again.

About Music

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trina, for example, the greatest of the old composers, who was writing beautiful, though complicated Masses during the latter days of the Renaissance period in Italy. However, time will not permit us to even touch briefly on all the greats between. The fact that they paved the way for the great "classical school" of music, which Bach exemplifies so well, is testimony unto them.

There are many musicians of the "classical school" who were such perfectionists of music that interest and individuality were stamped out. They have long since been forgotten. But such members of the school as Bach, Haydn and Mozart who were also supreme technicians are remembered because there was more to their music than mere technical perfection.

Beethoven, considered almost universally as the greatest of all musicians, stands between the 18th and 19th Centuries and likewise is a symbol of the dividing line between the classic and romantic schools of music. There is no questioning his technical ability but he was more concerned with emotional expression and drama in music. He put new life into the old classic form of symphony.

Franz Schubert who was a contemporary of Beethoven though much younger, showed none of the gigantic genius of the older man. However, he was a romantic composer in the best sense, Robert Schumann likewise made a tremendous contribution to what is termed the "romantic" school of music. Schumann paved the way for a real appreciation of the work of Chopin and Brahms, the latter considered the most important composer of absolute music since Bach and Beethoven, absolute music being an ideal combination of classic and romantic.

Mendelssohn, contemporary of Schumann also belongs in the romantic group, but his claim to fame is through his extraordinary natural gifts and not due to any

revolutionary methods and ideas.

At this point we want to mention the two great giants of the opera, who were both born in the same year. We refer to Verdi and Wagner.

Tschaikowsky and Franek may be said to belong to the "sentimental and spectacular" school of music. French composer Debussy is considered to be the founder of the modern school of music, aided by Richard Strauss.

Coming into the present day of music, the Russian Stravinsky and Finland's Sibelius are perhaps the best examples of the modern genius.

The few preceding paragraphs have been intended to be conversation on the various general schools of music and their proponents. Names have been sprinkled in rather generously for, of course, names make music.

Roster of Best

With that in mind then, we bring you a roster of the best known names in "long hair" music—as a refresher for some readers and as an introduction for others. Space will not permit inclusion of all the names which really should be printed here—but if we are going to "talk about music" seriously, we should have a nodding acquaintance with these.

Bach, Johann Sebastian. German, born in 1685, died 1750. Considered "Father of Modern Music." Was a hardworking organist and choir master and perhaps the greatest musical technician of all time. Was the father of 20 children.

Beethoven, Ludwig Van. German, born 1770, died 1827. Called "The Colossus of Music." He laid the foundation for the whole romantic movement in music. He was considered a musical heretic in his day, but is now ranked as music's greatest genius, with only Bach, Brahms and Mozart even attempting to approach him in stature. Created symphonies, concertos, sonatas, chamber music and one opera.

Brahms, Johannes. German, born 1833, died 1897. Third of the three great "B's." Combined the

best features of classicism and romanticism. His symphonies, concertos and sonatas show technical perfection but in addition have great human appeal.

Chopin, Frederick. Polish, born 1810, died 1849. Called "Poet of the Piano." Frail and sickly, Chopin developed ideas which helped form the basis of the whole modern school.

Debussy, Claude. French, born 1862, died 1918. Titled, "Music's Great Impressionist," was real founder of modern school of music. Created among other things a unique opera, *Pelleas and Melisande*.

Franck, Cesar. Belgian, born 1822, died 1890. Sometimes called "the modern Bach." His best known work is his "Symphony in D Minor."

Handel, George Frederick. German, born 1685, died 1759. "Master of the Oratorio." Best known for *The Messiah*.

Haydn, Franz Joseph. Austrian, born 1732, died 1809. Was commonly known as "Papa" Haydn and is considered "Father of the Symphony." Wrote over 100 symphonies besides concertos, sonatas, oratorios and songs.

Liszt, Franz. Hungarian, born 1811, died 1886. Was a sensational pianist in his day but wins his chief claim to fame as the inventor of the Symphonic Poem.

Mendelssohn, Felix. German, born 1809, died 1847. Child prodigy—one of the few composers to grow up in comfortable circumstances. Famous for his *Elijah*.

Mozart, Wolfgang. Austrian, born 1756, died 1791. Known as the "Wonder Child," Mozart was probably the greatest natural genius in the history of music. He set new standards in the fields of opera, symphony and chamber music.

Schubert, Franz. Austrian, born 1797, died 1828. Was best known as a song writer (wrote 600) but also created 10 symphonies and much other music. He was only 25 when he wrote the "Unfinished Symphony."

Schumann, Robert. German,
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NEWSLETTERS



Once more we bring you highlights from recent issues of the International President's Newsletters to Local Unions.

Many of our local unions have been carrying on organizing drives in their jurisdictions with excellent results. To mention two of these—Local 1942, representing Western Electric Company employees at Montgomery, Illinois, has signed 1225 members out of a potential 1405 since their contract was signed six months ago. (Plant is expected to employ 3,000 when fully manned.)

Local Union 1859, Cicero, Illinois, has signed 865 new members since January 3, bringing their membership to 14,000 or 90 percent of their 15,300 potential.

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Our readers may be interested in the status of state AFL and CIO groups, one year after merger of the parent organizations. AFL and CIO organizations in 20 states have merged so far, but no major industrial states are included in this group. However, the balance of the states have until December 5, 1957 to merge at which time union must be achieved according to the AFL-CIO Constitution.

In the year of merger, no international union left the merged organization and one independent union—the Locomotive Firemen—joined.

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The United States Department of Labor recently issued a statement with regard to industrial safety. The report stated in part: "Forty years of occupational safety effort by American man-

agement, labor, government and private organizations has been rewarded by a reduction roughly of 65 percent in industrial fatalities since 1915.

"Organized labor has not only maintained its long-standing interest in the improvement of safety legislation, but it has also, in collective bargaining, obtained safety provisions and other benefits which have helped reduce industrial accidents. Shorter workdays and workweeks as well as morning and afternoon 'breaks' have reduced fatigue and monotony and improved morale, thereby helping to reduce job injuries.

"Recent BLS analysis of major agreements show that 22 percent of all contracts contain provisions for committees concerned with plant safety, sanitation and employee health."

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While we are quoting percentages, according to a recent study made by the Canadian Labour Department, nearly 40 percent of all Canadian non-agricultural workers were covered by collective agreements during 1955. The total of 1,561,792 wage and salary earners covered by agreements during the year was three percent higher than 1954's total of 1,515,010.

This 40 percent figure compares with 35 percent in the United States.

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Cost of Living as reported in our last Newsletter continues to rise. It hit a new peak for the fourth consecutive month in December when it rose to 118 percent of the 1947-49 average.

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A new International Representative has been added to the staff—Arthur R. Johnson, of L. U. 324, Longview, Texas. He is assigned to the Seventh District to work under Vice President Edwards.

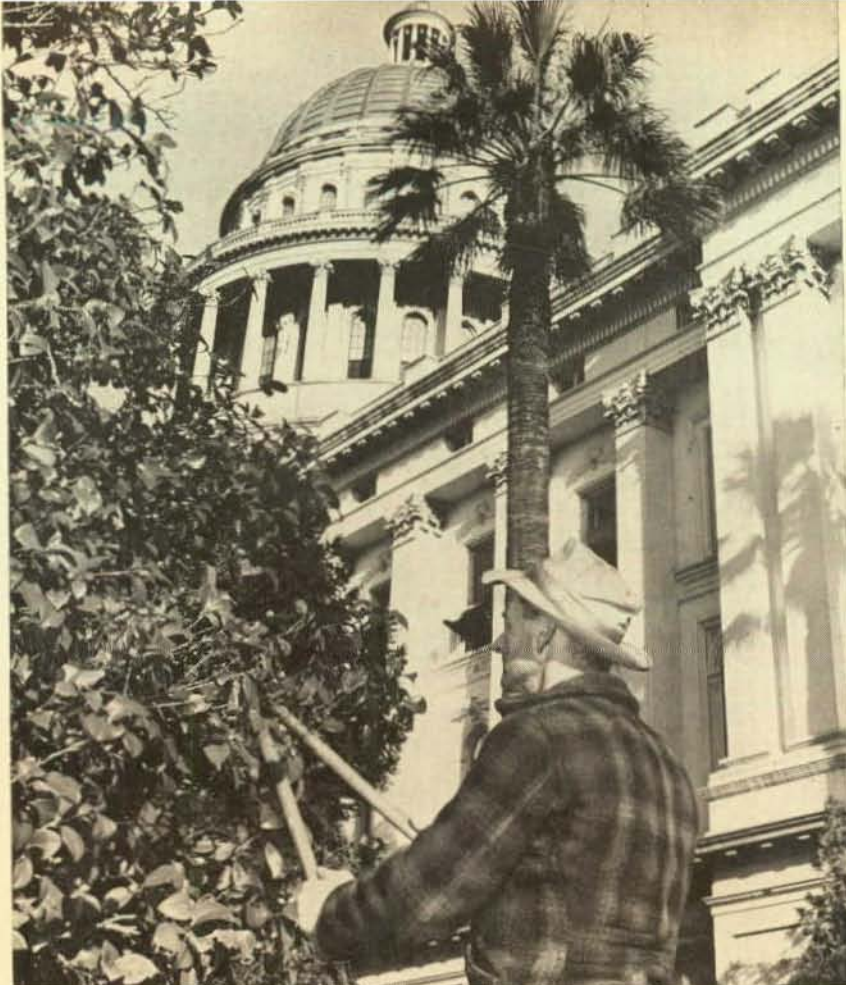
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Among NLRB elections won this month, IBEW was successful at the Iron Fireman Company in Ligonier, Indiana; in the rerun election at Dilectron Division of Gudeman Company, Monrovia, California; at the San Manuel Copper Corporation, San Manuel, Arizona, for all employees in the power plant engineers unit and all employees in the surface and underground electricians unit; at Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for all inside and outside TV and appliance servicemen.

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In our January 1, Newsletter we reported on the increase in home electrical heating as reported in the NECA Newsletter. Now NECA follows through with this statement:

"Don't take our word for it but here is what Prentice-Hall, conservative business analysts, say about electric heating: 'The oil price hike will speed up conversions to electric home space heating installations. A gradual but steady rise in year-round heat pump sales will take place. This will help stabilize seasonal patterns, and match the summer peaks now set in many states by air conditioning.' The time to get set to take advantage of this is fast running out."



Beneath the towering dome of the California state capital building, Cary Edmunds, a member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, trims shrubbery which beautifies the grounds.

have paved the way for a relatively smooth consolidation of units on all levels of administration.

The merger has given greater strength and stature to AFSCME in its role of protector and provider for public employes throughout the United States and Canada—a role it has played with consistent bravura since its humble beginning back in the mid-thirties.

AFSCME was originally conceived by a small group of conscientious and farsighted men who refused to accept the lowly status of public employes in the overall economic structures as being a fixed and unchangeable aspect of our way of life, which offered so much more to employes in private industry for performing comparable tasks. Among those early visionaries was Arnold Zander, AFSCME's first and only International president in its 20 years of existence.

The union's first preliminary meeting was held in Chicago in December of 1935. Until the organization was chartered by the Amer-

The Public Employees'

FEW UNION members realize that during every hour of their lives, thousands of other union members are busily at work supplying round-the-clock services to make life more pleasant, healthier and safer for them.

These unsung heroes, frequently working behind the scenes, provide the backbone and the muscle for city, county and state government units all over the United States. These are your public servants, members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, the largest organization of its type in the country.

Listing more than 120,000 mem-

bers at the time of its tenth biennial convention in Detroit last April, AFSCME added more than 30,000 new names to its roster as a result of the recent merger with its CIO counterpart, the former Government and Civic Employees Organizing Committee.

The AFSCME and GCEOC were the first international unions to merge under the AFL-CIO banner. Subsequent mergers of several state councils of public employes have further cemented the relationship, and a program for getting smaller groups together in every state having locals with similar jurisdictions is well underway. Months of prior study, planning and negotiation

ican Federation of Labor in early 1936, its nucleus functioned from the offices of the Wisconsin State Employees Council in Madison, of which International President Zander was executive secretary. With the granting of the charter, it became necessary to establish separate headquarters for the new International Union, and in 1939, the building in Madison currently serving as a base of operations was purchased. However, the enlarged International Executive Board arising from the AFSCME-GCEOC merger immediately voted to make Washington, D. C., the new headquarters city and to purchase the centrally-located Machinists' Build-

ing for occupancy in early 1957.

Financially sound today, AFS-CME has shown steady growth since infancy. Starting with some 5,000 members in 1936, the International union and its affiliates have made great organizational strides during subsequent years against strong and unique opposition.

To shed more light on the "unique" tag hung on the International's organizational opposition, let us examine the situation as President Zander described it during his report to the union's 1956 convention.

"We started bravely . . . and as confident as youngsters about overcoming any difficulties which might arise. The new idea of unionizing public employees was well received. There were in those early days no evident anti-union attitudes. Our idea was fresh and it took some time for spoils politicians, egotistical officials, and self-aggrandizing administrators to realize that a new force had entered the field of



Architects of the first international union merger under the AFL-CIO banner were, from left: R. J. Thomas, GCEOC administrative chairman; Milton Murray, secretary-treasurer of the GCEOC; Arnold S. Zander and Gordon W. Chapman, the president and secretary-treasurer respectively of the AFSCME.

public administration. The idea on which our new organization was based and legislative agencies had not considered whether to meet constructively this new factor in government or to run from it and take refuge in anti-labor legislation.

"During our early years we experienced quite satisfactory growth. Percentagewise our growth was rapid and we had reason to anticipate that in 20 years we would have better than a quarter of a million members. In 1936 this would have approached 50 percent of our potential. But with success

came the development of opposition. In 1941 the Municipal Law Officers Association issued what they called Report 76 in which they expressed, for the first time, a case against public employe unionism. It can be said that the basis of their case was specious and their whole contention was undemocratic but they made it nevertheless and it had an effect on public employers."

President Zander summed up this phase of the opposition by telling the convention delegates that, "wherever we have moved against political patronage for the establishment of a proper and systematic method of personnel administration the opposition has articulated against us with a mass of cliches and slogans expressive of popular antipathy to unions in the public field."

As a result of this widespread line of reasoning, AFSCME does most of its work in securing benefits and improved conditions for its members in the legislative arena. This factor in itself makes the union's job more difficult as compared to the more direct methods of negotiation available to other types of unions in dealing with employers. Many state laws and local ordinances restrict the activities of public employe unions. They are not always able to negotiate contracts with government bodies because the very idea itself is con-

Story

Members of the AFSCME Local Union 427 in Philadelphia, street sweepers for the city, line up for inspection by the commissioner of the Department of Streets. AFSCME members' services are vital to health.



sidered in certain quarters as an invasion of sovereignty. This attitude to a large extent also has permeated the thinking of many legislators to whom AFSCME must turn for legislation beneficial to its membership.

AFSCME has, however, won collective bargaining rights in scattered communities, and in most of the communities in the state of New Hampshire where municipalities and local unions join in annual bargaining sessions. But, the achievement of contractual status is far from complete in spite of notable progress made by the union in establishing the legal rights of employees in the public sector of our economy.

With the entire labor movement joining in the struggle to repeal restrictive labor laws and to correct anti-labor attitudes on the part of public officials, broader gains and accomplishments can be expected in public employe relations. The AFL-CIO merger convention in New York last December pledged all-out support in such a campaign and has subsequently consulted with AFSCME state-level representatives on the type of legislation to be proposed.

Every gain made by AFSCME during its 20 years of activity has come through the long-drawn out processes of legislative action, or

through the deliberations of some political body at the various levels of government. Many unions have only to gather round a table with an employer to work out a new contract through collective bargaining. All too frequently this is not so with AFSCME and the myriads of bosses to be dealt with, including the taxpayer himself, who is the ultimate beneficiary of public service performance. The attain-

ment of higher pay and better working conditions for public servants through legislative enactment is a far more difficult and complex procedure than most people realize.

The public employe status is still below that of workers in private enterprise, with the gap between wages steadily maintained through the years despite intense efforts of the public employe union. With no help from anything even resembling a closed shop and constantly confronted with an iron wall of restrictions severely limiting its recruiting activities, the union has made considerable progress in organizing employees of state and



Members of Wisconsin State Traffic Officers Local 55 are trained in art of self-defense. Here the AFSCME members guard the welfare of the public they serve.



This zookeeper, an AFSCME member in Cincinnati, has made pets of two cheetahs during his daily rounds of caring for the animals in the zoo.

local governments and improving their conditions. But the thousands of members taken in since its beginning have barely scratched the surface of the vast available potential.

This is the area in which AFSCME is most active today. With assistance from AFL-CIO national and regional offices, the union is currently conducting stepped-up organization drives all over the country. Target projects are set up and organization efforts concentrated in the particular area until tangible results in increased membership are evident.

Unionized public employees serve the citizens everywhere; even underground. These members of Local 103, Portland, Oregon, are a sewer inspection team.



A good example of the new organizing technique is shown in the union's "Project Minnesota." An AFSCME organizing committee for Minnesota was formed last May to serve as a coordinating group to lay the basic plans, with the International sending in advisers and underwriting expenses of the organization for the first six months of the planned drives. Immediate outgrowth of this committee was an organizing institute held in June. The two-day institute provided a short course in union leadership for local union representatives and organizers, and was the forerunner of similar confer-

ences held in each area of the state to outline steps for leaders to take in repairing, streamlining and expanding their organizations.

The blitz-like organizing drives then got under way in several areas at the same time. AFL-CIO regional office field representatives were sent in to aid the locals and to spur the action. Results began to show immediately. New groups were organized and the older groups experienced expanded memberships never before envisioned. Beamed directly at the state employees in the beginning, the intensified movement soon captured the enthusiasm of county and municipal unions who wanted to participate. Competition was stirred between "rival" AFSCME juris-

dictions bidding for increased membership.

"Project Michigan" followed the same general plan with notable results. For example, in a week-long organizing campaign at one of the state institutions, more than 50 percent of the personnel joined AFSCME. In around-the-clock operations, a 10-man organizing committee contacted prospective members in their homes and met each shift of workers as they went on or off their jobs. Such efforts are still being conducted in these and other areas as a part of the overall plan of AFSCME to enroll a more significant percentage of its million

or more potential members on state, county and municipal levels of government.

This may appear to be wishful thinking, but in the minds of the International's executive officers and staff, the objective is realistic and is possible of attainment through thoughtful planning and hard work. With the added strength gained from the recent merger with GCEOC, and with the new force of the entire merged labor movement lending full support, the future holds bright promise for this international union.

Commenting recently in *The Public Employee*, AFSCME official publication, International President Zander said: "the merger is not only a long stride forward toward our common goal of providing strength and protection for public employees . . . but marks another milestone in good human relations. It is a further indication of what can be accomplished when men of good will get together."

An interesting sidelight to this brief profile of AFSCME for the *ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL* is the fact that C. "Tiny" Groetke, Illinois state representative and organizer for AFSCME, has been a member of I.B.E.W. for 23 years and is still paying dues as a journeyman electrician.

Human experience has shown us that we cannot live happily and usefully without the numerous day to day services performed by our public servants. They are the cop on the beat who is there to protect your life, your family, your property rain or shine. They are the conservation officers, sanitation workers, the laboratory technicians, the health inspectors, the clerks in the tax assessor's office, the institutional workers, and the thousands of other contributors to your daily way of life.

Remember them as you partake of the many services they render to their fellow men.

(We acknowledge with thanks the kind cooperation of Tom Moore McBride, Director of Public Relations for AFSCME, who prepared this article and supplied us with the pictures to accompany it.)

WONDERLAND

BENEATH THE EARTH

THIS old world of ours has many wonder spots of spectacular beauty, both God-made and man-made, dotting its whole surface. But Mother Nature's beauty is not always paraded out in sight for everyone to see. Some of her charm is hidden beneath the earth's surface and only those who seek can find and enjoy it.

We are referring specifically to the many beautiful caverns located in various countries all over the world which delight tourists who take the time and trouble to visit them.

Caves have always had a peculiar fascination for most people. They have been centers of interest for many legends and superstitions. Some of us may recall tales from our history days, for example, when we learned that caverns were the abode of sibyls and nymphs in Roman mythology.

In all ages and climes, caves have been used for places of refuge and habitation, some for burial sites.

Now, what forms a cave? The usual agent is the sea which hollows out the earth to make a cavern. The current, the force of breakers, attack the weak places in a cliff and create a cave. However, caves of this type are rarely visited by man.

It is the caves formed by carbonic action and the action of



Three young high school girls lounge in the midst of the stalactites and stalagmites of "Saracen's Tent," one of the beautiful parts of the Luray Caverns of Virginia.

water, which open on the sides of valleys and ravines, that are safe for the tourist trade which they attract in great numbers.

Sometimes caves are still passages for subterranean streams, but more often their attractive pools and "lakes" are a collection of rain water which accumulates in the pot-holes or swallow-holes—depressions in the floor of the cave.

We in America are the proud possessors of many picturesque caverns. Among the most famous of these are: Luray Caverns, Mammoth Cave, Wyandotte Cave, Co-

lossal Cavern, Jacob's Cavern, and Carlsbad Caverns.

The pictures reproduced for you here were taken in famous Luray Caverns, Virginia. Cool air coming from a sink hole on Cave Hill, near the Shenandoah Valley, led to discovery of the Caverns, on August 13, 1878, by Andrew J. Campbell and Benjamin Stebbins.

Its beautiful stalactite formations have created many unusual scenes in Luray Caverns. Names given to some of the formations will indicate their beautiful or interesting appearance. "Titania's



Above left: Youngsters stand spellbound as they try to take in all of the wonders of "Titania's Veil," one of the more popular attractions of the Shenandoah Valley caverns.



Above right: Steps lead down to another fascinating formation, "Princess Column," pillar fashioned when a stalactite meets a stalagmite "growing" up from the floor.

Below: Luray Caverns guide points out some interesting formations for couple visiting the "Ball Room" of the nationally-famous caverns in the heart of Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah Valley.



Veil," the "Ball Room," "Dream Lake," the "Organ," the "Princess Column" the "Specter Column," the "Cathedral" and "Elfin Ramble," are all names which man has used to describe parts of this particular wonderland beneath the earth.

Scientists give us a definite explanation as to how Luray's unusual natural beauty came to be created. The caverns were carved by nature from the Silurian limestone many centuries ago. Then years following its original formation and after many large stalactites had formed, the caves became completely filled with glacial mud charged with acid, thereby causing the dripstone to be eroded into grotesque shapes.

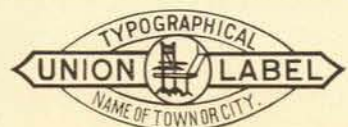
Materials Described

The stalaetite display at Luray is one of the most remarkable in the world. The old material in the cave is colored yellow, brown and red, with its many surfaces showing layers like the gnarled grain of costly woods. The new stalactites which are growing from the old are in general very white, though some take on pale pink,

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KNOW THOSE UNION LABELS

Make this year, 1957, Union Label Year! How many of these labels can you identify at a glance—without stopping to read the fine print? Fill in the spaces and then check your answers to get your Union Label I.Q. Remember—what helps one unionist helps all! Know your union goods and services and spend your money accordingly. (Answers on Page 70.)



THEY FIGHT

POLIO



ment of poliomyelitis that this article is written.

Throughout the United States and Canada, we are proud of the work our Brotherhood members perform daily, which is vital to the health and welfare of the citizens of North America. The work of electricians is certainly essential to the well being of their fellow countrymen. However, in some instances that work is directly responsible for saving life or limb. The work of some of the members of our Local 11, Los Angeles, California, is an excellent example of this.

In this local union there are a number of thoroughly qualified poliomyelitis equipment mechanics, all of whom are journeyman electricians who are apt in mechanical work, emotionally stable, able to perform accurately under extreme pressures, dedicated to the care of the patients, and sincerely interested in learning. The work of these men was recently publicized in the "Journal of the American Hospital Association."

These members of Local 11 work out of Rancho Los Amigos, the
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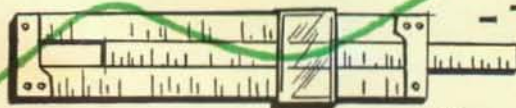
POLIOMYELITIS is a dreaded word. The importance of prevention of this disease has been highlighted by the publicity given during the past 18 months to Salk Vaccine. In spite of protective measures, however, thousands of people from children to middle age fall victims to this disease every year. Immediate hospitalization is, of course, necessary because only in well-equipped and well-staffed hospitals can the first measures against poliomyelitis be properly taken. However, when the patient is medically stabilized and has recovered as much muscular and functional ability as can be hoped for, he can be cared for at home, even though he is still dependent upon a respirator.

It is on this phase of the treat-

A skilled poliomyelitis equipment mechanic explains operation of equipment to husband of patient in respirator.

Polio equipment mechanics at work in shop at Rancho Los Amigos. They are members of IBEW Local Union 11.





Union Shop Still Under Attack

Last month the JOURNAL carried an editorial on the subject of some strong opinions expressed by Democratic Governor Averell Harriman of New York and Indiana's Republican Governor Harold Hanley. Both of these men spoke out forcefully against "Right-to-Work" laws.

In spite of the indignation widely expressed by public figures like these two men, small but well-financed groups of employers are again lobbying for "Right-to-Work" laws in our state legislatures. Their purpose is to weaken the strength of unions by outlawing union security provisions in contracts. These small groups would apparently like to see a return to the days when union members were haled into court as conspirators and fined for daring to dispute their employer's decisions. They are taking advantage of a period when employment is relatively stable in many parts of the country to lull the public into a state of mind which will lead us to ignore the struggles and sacrifices which have been made to make the benefits of union membership available to a large proportion of our nation's workers.

Union security provisions in contracts are varied, but they all have one goal in common. They guarantee the recognition of a union as the representative of the workers in bargaining collectively with the employer. These union security provisions exist because the working people have discovered that they give protection against anti-union attacks by employers. These attacks may take many forms—they may be openly made or they may take the form of trickery and deceit.

Taft-Hartley Permits Union Shop

In spite of its anti-union intent even the Taft-Hartley Law permits the union shop, a form of union security which protects millions of working people. At one time there were provisions in the law which required special elections in order to have a union shop. The election results consistently favored the union shop by overwhelming majorities and this portion of the law was repealed.

Idea of Union Security Centuries Old

Hundreds of years ago, during the middle ages, the principles involved in union security were firmly established. Tradesmen, professional men and even small businessmen in the growing towns and cities were banded together in guilds. Only guild members were permitted to perform certain services in the community. This was necessary in order to provide some security for men who had made sacrifices in order to learn their trades or professions. It was the only way of making sure that their high standards would be maintained and that they would receive fair compensation for their work. In the United States, workers were deprived for many years of this same kind of security. It was not until the steady growth of organized labor began that this security began to be available once more. If the "Right-to-Work" lobbyists have their way throughout the country as they have already in 17 states, working people may once again have the "right" to work long hours for low wages under sweatshop conditions.

Union Security is Democratic

Union representation is the re-

sult of a majority of the workers having decided by secret ballot that a certain union will represent their interests in bargaining with the employer. Union security provisions protect this majority choice. The proposed legislation would destroy this protection, even though it can only exist if both the union and employer agree that they want such a provision in their contract.

These anti-labor laws permit the creation of a privileged minority in bargaining units who would be permitted to enjoy the rewards of union action without making any contribution. This allows employers who are unfriendly to unions to concentrate their anti-union efforts by encouraging and favoring the "free riders." By doing this, they would hope to drive a wedge between members of the same bargaining unit, who should rightfully be unified in order to work effectively toward the same goals.

What You Can Do

These vicious tactics which are known by the deceitful name of "Right-to-Work" laws are of interest to everyone who benefits from union membership.

If your state is hampered by a "Right-to-Work" law, you can help to get rid of it by letting your elected representatives in the state legislature know how you as a voter feel about these attempts to return to the days when an individual worker was at the mercy of his employer's whims.

If your state does not have one of these laws, you can be sure that the lobbyists for "Right-to-Work" laws will keep trying. You can keep alert to proposals of this kind and write to your representatives

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Traces Expansion Of St. Louis Firm

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—In 1946, young Richard Hahn took a flier in the business of manufacturing fluorescent lighting equipment. Hahn, like others starting in this business, had much to learn about this highly competitive branch of the electrical industry. Many who took this step failed after a short while. But not only did young Hahn survive, he continued to prosper and in 1948 his business expanded out of the building in which he started and in 1951 he again was forced to move to larger quarters. In the last move, he went to Kirkwood, a suburb of St. Louis, and this year he is again enlarging his factory building.

This expansion is due to the manu-

facture of a new line of loud-speaker baffles. These speaker baffles are made of metal and work right in with his well-equipped metal fabricating shop.

Hahn became interested in hi-fidelity sound reproduction and saw the opportunity to incorporate hi-fi with metal housings. He began experiments with this idea and has been

so successful that he now has an average of 25 men employed in the manufacture of this equipment. Hahn also has employed a full time qualified acoustical engineer who designs these hi-fi baffles and also advises clients purchasing this equipment on the proper installation of acoustical material. Hahn manufactures over 50

Local Lines

NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

Local 1 Members at St. Louis Firm



All the metal baffles made by Soundolier in St. Louis are spun on a lathe and only a few hidden parts are stamped. This tends to make a better looking product when finished. At left, metal spinner James Prewith turns a job for Local 1 Business Representatives Harry Easthope and Al Siepman. Jose Ducan, shop steward, is also present. This shop is equipped with infra-red drying ovens through which the spray painted baffles pass on an endless chain. This tends to make a tough, smooth baked enameled finish to match any color specified by the purchaser. Clifford Nerl, sheet metal foreman, Business Representatives Easthope and Siepman and Shop Steward Jose Ducan admire the finished lights, at right.



All painted baffles are of sprayed on baked enamel and all work is done by members of Local 1. The baffles were removed from the overhead traveling chain in order to take this picture at left. The spray man is Harrold Polston with Siepman and Easthope. Metal polishing and buffing in this shop is all done by members of Local 1. At right, Ronald Williams and Jose Ducan polish baffle bodies. The kibitzer is Harry Easthope.

different models and styles of metal loud speaker baffles.

In addition, Hahn manufactures a metal replacement section to match any and all types of acoustical tiles. This replacement section is to permit the installation of loud speakers behind acoustical ceilings and walls. Over 16 different sizes and shapes of this replacement section are being manufactured in this shop.

This equipment is being sold all over the United States for installations in theatres, hospitals, schools, offices, race tracks, and also by wired music companies. The Hahn Company has always had a 100 per cent I.B.E.W. contract with Local No. 1 and is entitled to use the I.B.E.W. union label on all products manufactured by the company.

Local No. 1 has had very friendly labor relations with this company throughout the years and we look forward to a rapid growth of their newest product—called the Soundolier baffle. So when purchasing or installing metal baffles for any loud speaking installation, look for the I.B.E.W. union label.

FRANK G. KAUFFMAN, P.S.

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Agreement Concludes Victorious Strike

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—The

strike against Electro-Mec has been won!

The eight-week Electro-Mec strike came to a dramatic close Wednesday morning, January 2, at a special shop meeting held at our local union headquarters, where our members voted to accept a 12 cent-an-hour wage increase.

In addition to the 12½-cent per hour wage increase, the agreement also provides a four per cent payment into the pension fund by the company, an additional 10 cent-an-hour wage increase November 2, 1957, and a minimum hourly rate of \$1.25.

The agreement was finally consummated at a New Year's Eve meeting held by the Federal Mediation Service Friday, December 31.

The militant trade-union activities of our members in this situation were responsible for finally bringing this recalcitrant employer to terms. Although this firm manufactures materials in a very highly-competitive field, it was the feeling of the Negotiating Committee that their wages and conditions of employment before the strike were of a sub-standard nature.

This victory is another example of what can be accomplished by trade-unionists if they have an understanding of, and a determination to help, working people to help themselves and other working people.

I am very happy to report that our members employed in the electrical

manufacturing industry will soon be notified of the annual scholarship award competition for their sons or daughters graduating from high school. This opportunity is open to the children of members employed by the manufacturers contributing to the Pension and Welfare Fund. One scholarship will be awarded each year to a son or daughter graduating from high school within a year from filing applications. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$5,200.00 and will be applied to the cost of tuition, books and fees for a four to six year period. It is limited to students matriculating for an electrical or mechanical engineering degree, or any other degree approved by the Pension Committee. Selection of the scholarship winner will be based on high school scholastic standing, personal interviews and college examination scores. All of these will be conducted by representatives of the college.

An intensive organizing drive was carried on by the Switchboard Division of our Union. The result was the organizing of the GAL Manufacturing Company. All of the 87 workers employed by this company voted to join our Union in a National Labor Relations Board election.

Negotiations will be carried on in the very near future for the first collective bargaining agreement of this company.

The Negotiating Committee representing our Union was successful in concluding an agreement with the ADT Burglar Alarm Company. The new contract provides for a wage increase of 8½ cents per hour, with important changes in the classification system which will result in additional wage increases. The contract also provides additional holidays with pay for the days before Christmas and New Years.

The Negotiating Committee of the Operating Department was also successful in making important changes in the pension provisions of a company-pension plan, as a result of which many of the members on pension will receive a higher monthly income.

According to the terms of the agreement, progression scales for guard and plant job classifications were reduced from seven to six years; progressive scales for operator job classifications were reduced from six to five years. This means that approximately 119 of our members will receive additional increases ranging as high as 31½ cents per hour.

The general wage increases range from 10 cents an hour to 26 cents per hour over a two-year period. The contract further provides an additional holiday with pay for 1957.

Best wishes to all from members of Local 3.

ARMAND D'ANGELO, P.S.

Products of St. Louis Firm



Business Representative Harry Easthope of Local 1 and Dick Hahn of Soundolier Co. look over a few of the 50 different styles and models of sound baffles manufactured by that company in St. Louis. The square perforated replacement for acoustical tiles (in front) is one of the 16 different styles that they can furnish to cover concealed speaker units in acoustical ceilings and walls. These all metal Hi-Fi units and all other products are made 100% I.B.E.W. and bear the union label.

Ladies' Night in Los Angeles



Prominent officials of the city of Los Angeles who attended our annual Ladies' Night celebration, staged by the Supervisors' Unit of Local 18 (front row): Roger Arnebergh, City Attorney; J. C. Moller, Jr., president of the board of water and power commissioners; Robert A. Heffner, senior member of the board of water and power commissioners; Dr. W. Ballentine Henley, long time commissioner and chairman of the personnel committee of the board; George Sopp, head of joint divisions and assistant manager of the Department of Water and Power. At right, Los Angeles City Attorney Roger Arnebergh (right) chats with Assistant City Attorney Russell B. Jarvis at Ladies' Night Dinner



William S. Peterson, general manager and chief engineer of the Department of Water and Power of the city of Los Angeles, addresses a crowd of well over 400 people, at left, at our annual Ladies' Night celebration. Right, Brother Ed Carter arranged the entertainment and acted as master of ceremonies at our Supervisors Ladies' Night



Los Angeles City Attorney Roger Arnebergh and Mrs. Arnebergh were guests at Local 18's Supervisors Unit Ladies Night. Approximately 400 members and guests were in attendance at the affair.



On the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles, Brother James E. Heavens was presented with a memory book and a check for \$350 by workers at the Valley Steam Plant.

AFL-CIO Merger Slow In Toledo Area

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO.—The merger between the CIO and the AFL is proceeding at a snail's pace in this city. A recent election in the Toledo Central Labor Union showed that there were two factions trying to get control of that body. Apparently the faction with which the Teamsters are affiliated have the whip hand. Whether they will side with the CIO faction in controlling that body is unknown at this writing, but it looks as if a merger is as far away as it was two years ago.

CIO contracts signed lately with management have clauses in them whereby maintenance men will do all construction work regardless of whether it's in an entirely new building or simply revamping of an old one. So this point alone will be the big stumbling block in the way of a merger. It's possible that this jurisdictional dispute may be settled at the Miami council meeting of the AFL-CIO, which is being held at the time that this is being written.

It is expected that preliminary work on the second unit of the Bay Shore plant of the Toledo Edison Company will be completed by early summer and that the steel structure will start going up by the first of June. This addition will cost in the vicinity of some 20 millions of dollars. There will not be as much electrical work on it as on the original unit but it will furnish work for a fair-sized group of men.

The Atomic plant at Laguna Beach just out side of Monroe Michigan, is proceeding on schedule and it's possible that there will be some wiremen on it by the first of July 1957.

The Chevrolet Transmission plant on Alexis road has announced plans for building a new office addition which will run into a pretty good-sized job. It will commence in the spring of this year. There are quite a few good-sized jobs here that will get started this spring as soon as weather conditions will permit and it looks as though this local were going to have another good year for its members and might possibly be in the position to help members of less fortunate locals.

Right now we are having some of the so called Ohio roller coaster weather. One day it's warm and the temperature is up in the fifties and next day it's flirting with the zero mark.

The president of our Local Brother Frank Fischer has just been elected to the presidency of the Toledo Central Labor Union for his thirteenth term. Whether that's unlucky or not no one can tell at this time. If and when the merger goes through anything can and probably will happen.

We are pleased to note that some of the brothers read what we write in the JOURNAL and we wish to thank them for their kind words. The job of press secretary is no bed of roses. If you don't write, the members want to know why you didn't and if you do write they want to know "where in h—" you got that stuff. However we do our best and are glad that some are appreciative of our efforts. Being constantly aware that our press secretaries have a limit as to space we will ring the curtain down on this episode and hope that when we next greet you through the medium of the JOURNAL we will have something for you to read that will be interesting.

Meanwhile we of Local 8 extend our best greetings to all our fellow IBEW members.

BILL CONWAY, R.S.

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Proceed with Tie-In Of Arkansas Valley

L. U. 12, PUEBLO, COLO.—Work in this jurisdiction is rather slow at present. We have a few men working out of town. There is one crew of us at the Steel Mill working on a 800-foot cooling bed for the Rod Mill.

The Corwin Hospital is expected to be completed some time late this summer. We also have two fair-sized line jobs going now that have two or three crews. This will be another step toward a complete tie-in between the cities in the Arkansas Valley.

Speaking of the Arkansas Valley brings up the thought of the Frying Pan-Arkansas Valley Water Diversion Project which is really important to Local 12 and the people of this area. The bill is before Congress and any help will be greatly appreciated. The progress of this area depends on its approval.

We are now in the process of negotiating a new agreement for June of 1957. So far, the only progress has been a nice steak dinner by courtesy of the Contractors. I hope I can report good news next time.

I would like to thank Vic Ross, business manager of 1032, Bellingham, Washington, for all the information on their vacation plan. It sure saved us a lot of time in drawing up a proposal for our vacation plan. I think it would be nice if all locals would cooperate with one another in their negotiations.

We have another important occasion coming up: February 23, Local 12 will celebrate its 57th Anniversary with another party. We hope to bring you full details of that in a future letter.

Until then, so long from Pueblo.

GEORGE OAKLEY, P.S.

Job Steward's Classes Held in Detroit Area

L. U. 17, DETROIT, MICH.—Quoting the classic phrase, "If winter comes can spring be far behind?" we might ask "Oh meteorologist, how far?" as we dig our trucks and equipment from frozen snow drifts in near zero weather.

Our contract line construction has slacked off and the resultant reduction in forces has called for some interpretation of seniority applicable to layoffs. Inclement weather and increased cost are the most probable factors in the work reduction for, from a stockholders report of January 15, the operating company from which the work is contracted, stated that construction expenditures would remain at about the same level for '57 as in '56. The report further stated, among other things, that the ratio of operating expense to gross revenue, efficiency of kilowatt-hour production, employee to customer ratio and employee to kilowatt-hour ratio all showed a substantial improvement and the increased benefits had been passed on to the stockholders. Sure makes good copy for our research program.

We seem to be having about the same amount of sickness, sprains, strains and arthritic conditions that we identify with a hard, cold winter and as winter wears on the invincible wear out.

Classes start February 19th and 21st for our 100 job stewards and will be held at two locations for geographical convenience. The classes will be conducted by instructors from M.S.U. Labor Center. A diploma and dinner dance will feature the completion of the course. If the contract is an instrument binding both parties, then adherence to its provisions is a must on the part of employer and employee. We all hope this will help the business manager police the job, defending it from the independently negotiating employee and employer.

Brother A. J. Carrier recently retired from W. D. Gale, Inc. For many years he was employed at the Detroit Edison Company. Archie was initiated into Local 17 on June 17, 1916. We wish him good luck as he relaxes in well deserved retirement. Brother Charles Conklin, who retired from the Detroit Edison Company, was initiated into Local 17 on January 18, 1916 and is now vacationing in St. Petersburg, Florida. Good luck and good fishing to both.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following Brothers who have passed away since the last writing.

Brother Wilbert J. Berryman, employed at the Detroit Edison Company initiated into Local 17 on August 14, 1922.

Brother William Schulthies last em-

ployed by the City of Detroit, Fire Department, initiated in Local 17 on August 10, 1925.

Brother W. C. Lindsey, last residing in Evansville, Indiana, worked under the jurisdiction of Local 17 for many years. He was initiated into Local 298 on July 11, 1924.

Brother Leslie C. Fox died in an auto accident in Maryland. He came to Local 17 from Local 111 of Denver where he was initiated on February 21, 1944.

Brother William Longstreth was initiated into Local 906 on April 4, 1942.

Their work being accomplished here, may they rest in peace. They will be missed by all the members and we extend our sincere sympathy to their bereaved families.

ROBERT GUYOT, P.S.

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Ladies' Night Dinner Is Well Attended

L. U. 18, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The Supervisors' Unit of Local 18 is becoming more and more famous for its annual Ladies' Night dinner which is held in the large dining room of the Hollenbeck Masonic Lodge.

This dinner is always well attended by many civic officials and this year was no exception. Approximately 100 guests, who are prominent in civic affairs, were present to be greeted by Brother Ed Carter who, for many years, has done such a splendid job in making the arrangements and presenting the entertainment.

Each year this dinner becomes more successful and we are looking forward to the next one. The appreciation of all the members goes to the committee who made it such a success.

E. P. TAYLOR, B.M.

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Year-End Report from Washington Local 26

L. U. 26, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Reaching away back into 1956, I find that I haven't sent in any report for the end of the year. With two retirements and 14 deaths, it begins to look as though I hadn't kept track of various events around Washington. When Pete Hinkle and Fred Neitzey retired last year, there were many good years of hard work left behind them. Now that they are taking it easy, let's hope that they come around to the meetings once in a while and greet old friends as well as meet some of the newer members of the local.

Local Union 26 lost some fine friends in the passing of the following named Brothers, and a silent moment of prayer for them is always in order. These are the names of

PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*



Thomas Hindley

We go up into Canada this month for our press secretary salute, to London, Ontario, where Brother Thomas Hindley has served as press correspondent of Local 120 for more than three years.

Brother Hindley was born in England in 1899, and came to Canada as a child. After completing his public school education, he enlisted in the Canadian infantry for World War I, at the age of 16. He served in France

Brothers whose memory we honor: Brothers W. E. Gill, Rubin Roter, J. A. O'Neill (no relation) V. H. Shulz, Frank B. Rogers, George Ellerbrook, J. W. Boteler, J. A. Moran, W. P. Phillips, C. A. Vose, L. J. Johnston, W. F. Holmes, G. I. Southern, and C. A. Holt.

Coming into a lighter vein, the gay frolicsome weeks of December had two events that were outstanding for members of Local 26. The Ladies Auxiliary held a dance on December 1st at St. Bernard's Crystal Room in Riverdale and the Christmas Party by Local 26 was held in the same hall on December 12. The Ladies had a tremendous crowd as well as a very happy one. As for the Christmas Party, it seemed as though every member of the local was on hand. People were on hand whom we haven't seen for some time. To name a few: Bob Anders, Bernie Rosser, Ted Wigge, Artie Campli, "Legs" Cavanaugh, Curley Annan, Bob (Baldy) Davis, Vince Grady, Chas Stepp and many, many, others.

President Joe Creager had a pretty rough time trying to keep a little order so that the business of the evening could be taken up. Most important item on the list was the drawing for turkeys. The most talked about happening that came up that night was the fact that Chairman Ed. McDonough, not only won the door

as a Lewis gunner, was wounded twice and gassed once.

After the Armistice was signed, Brother Hindley began work as a steam engine assembler and joined the Machinists' Union. Later he served his apprenticeship as an Electrical Worker with the London and Port Stanley Railroad and in 1924 went to the C.N.R. He retained his Machinist card until 1936 when he transferred to L.U. 561, IBEW, in Montreal.

Since 1937 Brother Hindley's card has been in L.U. 120 of London. In his 21 years as an IBEW member, Brother Hindley has perhaps held office longer than any other L.U. 120 member. He has served as treasurer, recording secretary, financial secretary, business manager of the local and as past president of the Ontario Provincial Council. At present in addition to the office of press secretary, Brother Hindley is a member of the Executive Board and Negotiating Committee and alternate trustee of the Health and Welfare Plan.

Brother Hindley has been married since 1919, has a son and three grandchildren. His principal hobby these days is fishing and "do-it-yourself" projects around the home.

prize, but also took home one of the turkeys. Some people have all the luck. John Flagg also won a turkey, but to make sure that he would eat the next day, he was seen putting a roast beef sandwich in his inside coat pocket.

Local Union 26 is losing another good friend. Brother Cal Lowry, after a good many years as financial secretary, has decided to retire. First, he served as Treasurer for the local and then on Christmas Day, 1939, Brother Lowry took over the duties after Ollie Ross passed away. He has held this job all these years and at times during the war period, he never got home until the wee small hours of the A.M. Oftentimes, during the war, on meeting nights, he would leave the office in time to get to the meeting and then after the meeting was over, he would go back to finish up some of the work that he had left over. That was when assessments were paid every week, but in the past few years it was decided to keep the office open every two weeks, on Saturday. Cal Lowry never returned any money that was turned in by an overpayment. He always credited it to your account. The story goes about one of our good Brothers who had been working out of town and had sent in his assessments while he was away. Cal enlightened him on his return to the city, about his

Activities of Cleveland Local



Wide-eyed with wonder, youngsters of members of Local 38, Cleveland, Ohio, watch the entertainment at the local's Christmas party. At right, they pay a visit to Santa Claus.



Wiremen enrolled in one of the Industrial Electronics Classes sponsored by Local 38.

"small bankroll," and the chap practically demanded his money, in cash. Cal said, "Nothing doing, it's applied to your account and you won't have to pay any dues for a year." This was settled very agreeably to the mutual satisfaction of both. The Executive Board has appointed Brother Connie Curtain as the new financial secretary, and the general feeling, is that the "E" Board made a wise choice. Connie Curtain has represented the local in a great many things, working on committees, etc., and it is a fitting tribute to a man who has done a lot of good for organized labor.

The Bowling League is all keyed up and is heading down the home stretch with all games ending about the end of May. Paying a visit one night to the Hi-Skor Bowling Alleys, one meets the nicest people, members of Local Union 26, who are in high spirits and full of action. The Electricians have the whole Fourth Floor to themselves and the competition is



Two wiremen make a splice in Local 38's Cable Splicing Class.

very keen, with an overabundance of enthusiasm for all concerned. More reports on bowling from now on because of the high feeling among the keggers. That's all for now folks.

FRANCIS J. O'NEILL, P.S.

Stage Meetings to Negotiate Contract

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—

There seems to be a lot of activity in and around the Baltimore Area lately. The negotiating committee has been in conference with the National Electrical Contractors Association Labor Committee to open negotiations for the renewal of the contract for the coming year which starts April 1st. They are looking forward to a successful series of meetings.

The Baltimore Federation of Labor and the Baltimore Building Trades Council meet weekly. The Committee on Political Education meets once a month. Now that the law makers of Maryland are in session at Annapolis, there have been special meetings called between regular meetings to formulate ways and arguments for our delegates to present before the House to protect the rights of the

working man. Local 28 is well represented in legislature.

We have five delegates to the Baltimore Federation of Labor. Our Local president Brother John Cordes has been appointed on the Publicity Committee against the so-called "Right-To-Work Bill." He has been busy preparing pamphlets for distribution to defeat the so-called "Right-To-Work" laws if and when they should come before the House.

Our business manager, Brother Carl King, is a delegate to all three central bodies. Brother Carroll Roeder was voted second vice-president of the Baltimore Federation of Labor and is spending many days and nights with the various committees. His duties are to protect the rights of the working man and also to do his utmost to defeat any and all pieces of legislation objectionable to labor.

Then we have Brother William Taylor who is doing a wonderful job as chairman of the Legislative Committee. This committee works very closely with the lawmakers in order to keep the central bodies informed as to what is taking place in Annapolis.

Brother William Bursick, who is also a delegate, was appointed by Governor McKeldin to serve on the State of Maryland Accident Commission. He has been on the go of late as there are some changes to be made in the Accident benefits and procedures for filing claims. These are due to come before the house for a vote. He is to see that Labor is considered in these changes.

There are six delegates to the Baltimore Building Trades Council, which has been making great strides towards organizing the Baltimore Area.

These delegates include our president and business manager and with them are Patrick Gallagher, Henry Sherry, George Murry and Jack Richards.

The delegates report that the B.B.T.C. has been successful in having several filling stations constructed 100 percent union along with other construction work that has in the past been performed non-union.

I feel that these Brothers have devoted a lot of time and effort to a wonderful cause. It is to the benefit of such a large number and some day they will realize many satisfactions from these achievements.

I would like to call to your attention the article written by Brother Frank Dries, publicity secretary of Local Union 474, Memphis, Tennessee in the December issue.

HARRY F. HAMILL, P.S.

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Form Ohio Classes on Two Industrial Phases

L. U. 38, CLEVELAND, OHIO.—In

keeping with the trend toward post-graduate work for journeyman members, Local Union No. 38, Cleveland, Ohio, is pleased to report the formation of classes in two phases of our industry.

In the early part of 1956, classes were started in Cable Splicing and Industrial Electronics and as of this writing the time, energy and finances used in establishing these classes by the local appears to have been well spent.

Cable courses included both the manipulative and the technological aspects of high voltage cables, particular emphasis having been placed on the internal characteristics of a good splice, care of the cable, and finishing of the job in a workmanlike manner.

The course will, when completed, have lasted one full year, however during the summer when school was not in session many of the boys met on their own to practice the manipulative skills so necessary to developing a finished mechanic in the field. By the end of the year Local 38 should have a dozen new splicers, of whom they can be justly proud, knowing that the men have the ability and know how to perform this specialized work according to the standards of the I.B.E.W.

Classes in Industrial Electronics also began early in the year with about 40 journeymen enrolled in two classes. Fundamentals of electronic tubes, power supplies, amplifier, oscillators and test equipment and basic circuits were covered in Term I of the course. Term II is devoted to practical work on advanced circuitry and operating electronic devices. As of this date a second class has been formed and there are now approximately 70 men enrolled in the two classes.

We feel that in this manner Local 38 is coping with one of the problems our fast-growing and ever-changing industry presents.

The wiremen of Local Union 38, Cleveland, Ohio, held their Annual Christmas Party for the kiddies on December 19th, 1956 at the Masonic Auditorium.

This affair was attended by 2000 youngsters accompanied by their parents. As usual it was a gala affair for the children who received in addition to their Christmas Gifts, an assortment of sweets and were entertained by a floor show suitable to their ages. We believe, we oldsters got as big a kick out of this affair as did the wide eyed enthusiastic and thrilled youngsters.

VINCENT B. SKODIS, R.S.

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Severe Seattle Winter Tests Heating Systems

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—The

mid winter report from these parts is for rain and warmer weather. After our prolonged cold snap of several weeks that is the only prediction that can be made. Our mercury is so low now that it can only go one way, and that is up. Some construction has slowed as a result, but this is now the second winter in which our heating systems have been severely tested and it keeps our burner maintenance men up early and out late.

Our local played host recently to the regular meeting of the Washington State Association of Electrical Workers which is composed of all the I.B.E.W. locals in the State.

Oscar Harbak, Ninth District Vice President, led the discussions on wages, work conditions and pending wage negotiations of the various locals up and down the coast.

Attending the meeting were Gene Heiss, Verel Johnson and George Mulkey, Representatives out of the Ninth District Office. Also visiting were Charles Foeht, business manager of Local No. 6, San Francisco, California, and member of the I.B.E.W. Executive Council, and George O'Brien, business manager of Local No. 11, Los Angeles, California.

Subjects under discussion included activities being conducted on organizing the electronic manufacturing industry in and around the Ninth District. The International Office also appraised the local unions involved on problems of jurisdiction in Pacific Coast locals.

On January 1 our office completed negotiations with the Sears and Roebuck Coldspot Motor Shop in Seattle, which resulted in a 15 cent per hour across-the-board increase for all employees. A total of 14 members were involved.

The office reports that Herman MacDonald has been appointed a temporary business representative while Bob Perry is busy in our state capital lobbying for legislation on behalf of the electrical industry.

Old friends of Fritz Hahneman will be interested in knowing that he has applied for his I.B.E.W. pension and intends to take life easy.

By the time this appears in print our boys who hocked their tools last winter will be bailing them out and heading for the D.E.W. line where the regular "evening activities" take place under a smiling Arctic sun.

KNUTE MALLET, P.S.

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Tight Money Policy Slows Construction

L. U. 100, FRESNO, CALIF.—The main news in Fresno is winter. This year most of us think we are having an "Iowa Winter." The weather has been unusually cold. It even snowed one day in December (for 10 min-

utes). We Californians suffer more in below freezing weather because it's so unusual.

The tightening of mortgage money has slowed down building considerably. We would have more men on the bench but for the fact that many members, who can, are working out of town.

The International just returned our new agreement okay. Among other things, our members can start collecting vacation pay in February from money deposited by contractors in the bank. This is a fringe we obtained last year.

Industrial unions (Machinists, etc.) are giving us some trouble doing construction work at rates of pay less than building trades.

The Lemoore Air Base has lingered long in the talk stage. The government is now negotiating the purchase of land. We do not anticipate much employment benefit from it till 1958.

Soon we will vote on a new city charter. One of the provisions in the charter will call for building trades mechanics to receive the "prevailing wage." This will be defined as the actual rates paid. At present the city defines "prevailing rates of pay" as 90 percent or 80 percent of rates paid in industry. The city now pays this lower scale.

Brothers Johnny Albright and Tommy Roberts are the Apprenticeship Committee. They are now "going to school" with the apprentices to check the apprenticeship training and make it a success. Brother Albright is also chairman of the Credit Union Credit Committee. With his various union activities Brother Albright seems to have almost discovered "perpetual motion." Makes us remember Bernard Shaw's remark that "Youth is too wonderful a thing to waste on young people."

We will soon elect new supervisors for the county. After that we all hope for a County Building Code. Some of the outlying construction has been "Pretty awful."

Al Woods is in the Veteran's Hospital in San Francisco. Charlie Brisendine broke his leg over again in the same place and is in the Community Hospital here.

Dave Shumate who recently won his auto accident lawsuit is in Missouri.

Don Timmins is back again from the Veteran's Hospital, and seems to be improving.

Neil Corrigan is convalescing in Haywards.

Jay Hewlett and Warren Wilson still make their weary rounds on the ever faithful Sick Committee. Often I wonder if we give enough credit to the wives and families of these kind of men who give so much of their time to help other Brothers, time taken from their homes and leisure hours.

R. P. (Flash) GORDON, P.S.

Arsonist Sets Fire In Colo. Union Hall

L. U. 113, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Hello Brothers! I'm sorry to report that Local No. 113 had a little bad luck in December. On the twelfth day of that month in the wee hours of the morning, some YAHOO with a box of matches and a love for flames broke into our Union Hall and kindled a small blaze. The fire along with smoke caused some \$4000 damage not to mention extensive damage to adding machines, desks, chairs and other furniture. At present union business is being transacted in a nearby residence while meetings are being held in the newly constructed Carpenters' Hall.

The inside wireman's wage negotiations were recently completed with the signing of a two-year contract. The new agreement includes a 24 cent raise July 15, 1957, and another 12 cent on July 15, 1958, bringing the scale to \$3.36 at that time. Also we were able to eliminate the wage pool and improve conditions somewhat. Negotiations will open soon for motor winders and sign men.

During the last few months our business manager, Eldon "Pete" Cole, has been organizing the neon sign contractors in Colorado Springs and I'm happy to announce that, to date, all but one have signed agreements.

As of yet there is no great need for men in Colorado Springs, as construction of the Air Force Academy is just getting underway. However, the big work should break this spring with a need for more men shortly thereafter. We hope we'll see many of you Brothers here this summer.

LEW PETTIT, P. S.

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London and District Trades Council Merges

L. U. 120, LONDON, ONT.—Early in January, the delegates of the London and District Trades Council ended more than 57 years of activity of that body. This final meeting of the old regime was one of mixed emotions, nostalgia for the past and hope for the future. Their next meeting in February will be held under the auspices of the new London and District Labor Council. This amalgamation came about through the merger convention in April 1956 of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labor, and from that historic convention the new Canadian Labor Congress came into being. The officers of the new C.L.C. were chosen from both bodies and were picked for their qualifications, abilities and past performance in the field of labour. This also was true on the local level and we are sure that our future interests will be protected

as well, if not better than in the past. All the officers elected for the new executive of the London and District Labor Council have had considerable experience in the labor field and all were chosen and elected on their merits. Ernest Donne was elected first vice-president and Don Northey as secretary. Elected to the new Executive Committee were Maurice Collins, Thomas Harkness and our own president of Local 120, John Moscrip. Mrs. Freeda Hammond and Percy Hooper were named as trustees of the new council. Other officers and executive members will be elected by the London Labor Council.

Worthy of mention at this final meeting was the presence of William A. Page, 92 years of age, who has represented the T.L.C. on the Western Fair Board since 1946. He joined the T.L.C. in 1912 representing the painters of the then Grand Trunk Railway Carshops and he has played an active part in the affairs of the T.L.C. since that time.

The delegates present at this last meeting of the T.L.C. decided as a farewell gesture to hold "Open House" before the end of January for accredited delegates and executive members of the 47 affiliated locals.

THOMAS HINDLEY, P.S.

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19 Apprentices Cited In Missouri Ceremonies

L.U. 124, KANSAS CITY, MO.—Although it's a little late, due to my being appointed press secretary recently, I do wish to tell you about our supervisory training and apprenticeship banquet, which was held at the Muehlebach Hotel, August 10, 1956. Nineteen Apprentices were presented certificates of completion of apprenticeship and 94 journeymen were given certificates of completion of supervisory training. Business Manager Harvey was toastmaster and, as usual, did a superb job. Frank Jacobs spoke to the apprentices, and journeymen, as well as Bill Damon, Director of the National Joint Apprentice and Training Committee. The Honorable H. Roe Bartle, robust Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and Robert Sweet, president of the Chamber of Commerce, also addressed the group. Many other dignitaries of the city attended. A cocktail party was held before the banquet. It was a wonderful banquet and quite a success.

Although spring training is just around the corner, we are a little late in reporting another item, which has to do with our junior baseball team. Our local sponsored this team for the first time in 1955, in Independence, Missouri. The team is comprised of boys from 12 to 15 years of age. In 1955 we won our first championship. We also won the

In Local 124's Jurisdiction



Presentation of trophies to the Championship Jr. Baseball Team of Local 124, Kansas City, Mo., by Business Manager Harvey and Baseball Manager Harold Mansfield. Reading left to right: Coach Charlie Kramps, Sam Tryon, Jim Mansfield, Larry Linsey, Richard Mosbauer, Kent Troyman, Bill Totty, Clarence Shirley, Mike Thompson, Larry Miller, Larry Bolinger, Jim O'Gorman, Joe Gracey, Jim Loftus, and Bat Boy Dave Steele.



Apprentices of Local 124 receive Certificates of Completion at banquet held at Muehlebach Hotel.

sportsmanship trophy, which made ours the first team in Junior League history to win both awards the same year. The team played 21 league games, winning 17 and losing 4. Presentation of trophies was made by Business Manager Harvey and Baseball Manager Harold Mansfield at our 50th Anniversary Party. In 1956 we won third place, which we were very proud of, due to the fact that we lost nine of our 1955 players due to age limit. Sponsoring this team is another forward step for the local and a wonderful step for the youths and public relations in our community.

To all the members of the I.B.E.W., we send our best wishes from Kansas City.

WILBUR OTTO, P.S.



At the presentation ceremonies for Kansas City apprentices, Mayor H. Roe Bartle presented keys to the city to Business Manager Andy Harvey and President George Kennard.

Retiree McNutt Set Enviably Safe Record

L. U. 125, PORTLAND, OREGON.—We salute Brother W. L. McNutt this month on his retirement from the Portland General Electric Company following many years service in the Line Department where he established an enviable record. We are proud of his safety record of having expeditiously carried out all his assignments in such a manner that there was not one lost-time accident suffered by any member of his crews in the 30 years he was a line foreman.

As the old year passed into that place where all years, both good and bad, eventually pass, our union could look backward and survey a successful year of 1956. We increased our membership by 8½ percent to 3,900 members; our treasury operated in the black for the entire year; the services rendered to our membership were improved and broadened; we assisted in the political field in electing public officials who recognize the cause and the rights of labor and in defeating ballot measures that were very harmful to labor; work was plentiful and unemployment was at a minimum. We satisfactorily renegotiated and signed 21 agreements bringing a 15-cent per hour increase in wages on a journeyman basis to our members and increased fringe and welfare benefits to many. The high plane of our labor-management relations was raised still higher. It is most gratifying to have won and to maintain the respect of our employers.

Two notable advances for which we had been striving for several years

and successfully attained during 1956 brought direct benefits to the Federal employees of the Army Engineers and Bonneville Power Administration under our jurisdiction. Earlier in the year through the cooperation of our business manager and his assistants, the International Office and the Army Engineer Personnel Officer in this district the operating personnel in the generating plants were taken out from under the Wage Board plan of establishing wage scales and placed under a plan of negotiated wages as used by the electric utilities in the Northwest.

The other big advance involved the technicians employed by the Bonneville Power Administration in servicing communications, meters, relays and the testing laboratory. Through the cooperation of Business Representative Orville Lyons and the labor relations officer and the personnel officer of the Bonneville Power Administration these employees were transferred from an annual or "GS" status to an "hourly" status. Civil Service rules and regulations prevented a salary rate under the annual status sufficiently high to attract technicians or even to hold the ones that were on the roles, whereas the change to an "hourly" status placed these employees within the jurisdiction of the union agreement that has been in force for a number of years permitting a negotiated wage rate comparative to that paid by other electric utilities in the Northwest. This change resulted in substantial wage increases to many of the technicians and a reservoir of applicants for these positions. It also increased our membership.

We look forward to a year of full

employment and trust that all our members remain in good health to enjoy the benefits.

FLOYD D. PARKER, P.S.

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Banquet for Graduates Of Decatur Local 146

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—The members of Local 146 honored graduating apprentices and their wives at a banquet with all the trimmings, last November 14th, 1956. Among those present was William Creveling of the International Office, who gave a very good speech praising the apprentices for their completion of the program. Roy R. Stromberg, secretary-manager of the Illinois chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association, also gave a very forceful speech. Warren L. Decatur, a local electrical contractor, and member of the local Joint Apprenticeship Committee, acted as chairman of the affair, and did a "bang-up" job.

Other members of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee are George A. Cast, Howard Pruitt, James R. Current, secretary, Mervil C. Logue and Warren S. Rhodes. Our class room instructor, Milford B. Corey, who is also a high school teacher, working at the electrical trade as a member of Local 146 during the summer months, gave a few appropriate remarks suitable for the occasion. Our own business manager, Armine C. Kohli, praised the achievements of the committee and the graduates.

Alvin A. Dost, representing the Bureau of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor, presented the graduates with their diplomas. Many members of Local 146 and their wives, enjoyed the affair and felt that such presentations should be an annual affair.

The local held its annual Christmas party in the union hall on December 15th, 1956. Although the weather was extremely unfavorable, the hall was filled with happy, squealing youngsters and their parents. After some appropriate Christmas films, Santa appeared and passed out gifts to all the children present. To wind up the affair, refreshments were served by the committee and a good time was had by all. The committee consisting of President Logue, N. O. Primm, Floyd Snyder, Stuart Mercer, Elston Twiss, Robert Scherer, Melvin Williams, Cecil Wilson, Robert Wayne and Ed White, Business Manager Kohli and Robert Morenz, gave of their time and energy to insure the success of the party. On Thursday evening, December 13th, a pot-luck supper staged by committee members and their wives, was held in the local's hall for the purpose of gift-

Member Heads Legion Post



The only industry Post of the American Legion, Electric Post No. 769, made up entirely of those connected directly with the electrical industry, including electricians, electrical contractors, wholesalers and manufacturers installed as Commander Albert Alexander, Local 134, on the left. Next to Alexander is Alex Getris, Local 134, outgoing commander. Past Commander Hans Kurtz, electrical distributor of Chicago, is introducing Past Commander E. E. Leasure of Monroe Electric and a past president of the National Contractors Association of America. Occasion was the 23rd Annual installation and Dinner Dance at the Sheraton Hotel, Chicago.

Mark Yule in Springfield



Members and guests of Local 193, Springfield, Ill., participate in the local's annual Christmas party.

wrapping the children's presents after the supper.

At the regular union meeting it was voted by the members to donate a Christmas gift of \$50.00 each to Brothers Charles Castle and Bob Comerford, who both have been ill. August Otta's wife was also reported as still being in the hospital at Kankakee. Ed White's wife was also operated on. Earl Brookshier broke his arm on the job, and Business Manager Kohli again stressed the need for extra caution to prevent accidents.

Well, fellows, send along any snapshots and news you have, so we can include them with our next article; and until then, this is your old left-hander.

BOB WAYNE, P.S.

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Local Supports Program Of Community Service

LOCAL 193, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—In our last article in the JOURNAL, we attempted to summarize the activities and events pertaining to Local 193 and its members during 1956. Among the many things we mentioned were the names of our members who had passed away during the year, and now regretfully we must add still another name to that list.

Brother John Barker, a lineman, was taken by death on Thursday, December 13th, at the age of 56. He had been in ill health for quite some time and for the past two years he had been partially paralyzed.

John originally hailed from Kirksville, Missouri, but had resided here in Springfield for the past 12 years during which time he was employed by the City, Water, Light and Power Department. Just prior to John's becoming ill, he had been a trouble shooter for the city for over five years.

He was laid to rest in Oak Ridge Cemetery on Saturday, December

15th. Pallbearers were Brothers John Whalen, William Bibb, George Iliff, Virgil Jacobs, Ovid Reed and E. C. Porter.

For the third successive year Local 193 made a Christmas donation to the Springfield United Community Services special needs planning committee. We were quite gratified to learn that our donation was the first one received by the organization for their Christmas buying, last year, and one of the things that was bought with our donation was a typewriter table for a polio victim who had lost the use of both arms, but could type by strapping his wrists to the typewriter.

Another thing we're pleased to report is the increase in benefits from our five-cents-an-hour welfare fund which has been in operation for only a little more than a year. Weekly compensation has been raised from \$20 to \$30 and the death benefit has been raised from \$500 to \$1000.

Over 200 couples attended Local 193's second annual Christmas Dance which was held on Friday December 14th in the Ball Room of the St. Nicholas Hotel. The committee in charge of all arrangements included Jim Enlow, Al Ushman, Walter F. Goodman, Ed Kosak, Warren Adams, Robert Shafer and William Porter.

Everyone seemed to have a grand time, and the evening was highlighted with the awarding of door prizes both valuable and comical. Enclosed are a couple of candid shots of the dance taken by Brother Paul Cline whose hobby is photography.

WILLIAM L. PORTER, P.S.

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Scribe at Work on Walt Whitman Bridge

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Yours truly has been working out of town again, this time back in the territory of Local 439 Camden, New Jersey. I am on the Walt Whitman

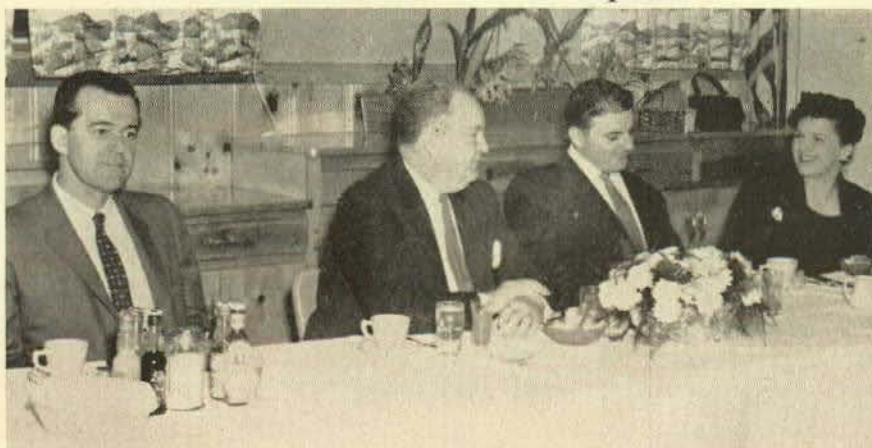
Bridge that connects Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with Gloucester, New Jersey. I am working under the capable supervision of Lester "Les" Littlely who is general foreman on the New Jersey side. Wayne Sykes of W. V. Pangborne and Company, Inc. who are the contracting firm on electrical construction on the bridge is on the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania side. The bridge is supposed to be finished around June 1st, 1957.

Brothers Peck and Carrigan of Local 211, also Jim Wentz of 211, are on the job. Peck took sick while on the job and had to go back to the hospital again. He made the remark that he wished he could get well again so that he could make one more deer season. So the boys on the job got their heads together and bought Peck a new hunting jacket and loaded up the pockets with some good old chewing tobacco. The Brothers who made the gift possible were; Sam Haspel, John Best, Jerry Dunham, Duffy, Gene Lanier, Abe Persoff, Scott, F. Berenatto, George Conley, Bob Smith, Les Littlely, John Melvin and yours truly. I forgot to mention that Bart Bullock of Local 211 is also on the job. All the Brothers on the job wished the BIG CHIEF PECK a speedy recovery from all his little Indians.

Since my last article was written, a former press secretary of Local 211 has passed away. I intend to give way in my article space to explain to his many friends some of his background. In this Brother's travels he met and made many friends. I speak of Davis C. Bach who always signed his articles "Bachie." Jack was 68 years of age when he passed away on September 15, 1956. He is survived by his wife Viola M. Bach, 22 South Illinois Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

On August 2, 1909, Jack Bach was initiated into the Brotherhood in Peoria, Illinois. A few years later he deposited his traveller in St. Louis in 1911. Through "one of those

At Annual Toledo Banquet



Guests and local officials enjoy the Appreciation Banquet tendered by Local 245, Toledo, Ohio, to its officers and stewards for a job well done. From left are: International Representative Frank Adams; International Vice President H. B. Blankenship; Business Manager George Thomas and Mrs. Thomas.

things" his dues were mislaid or lost and the result was that he lost his ticket. A few years later on May the 11th, 1915 he was initiated into Local 210 of Atlantic City. In 1921 he worked out of Local 211 on permit and in 1923 he deposited his card in Local 211. I believe that if my information is right he started as press secretary in Local 210 about 1919. He was also president of Local 211 either seven or eight years and then went with the Electrical Bureau as an inspector. I also believe he was there 17 years. He was also press secretary of Local 211 a good many years.

I received a letter from Mrs. Viola Bach and she would like me to mention that Jack was the son of Irvin Price Bach and the Ellen Eisenhower family. His father was a descendant of Johann Sebastian Bach who saw telephony in its infancy. He was working for Western Union at the time Bell was perfecting the telephone and helped put up the line work for the first telephone call ever made. A. I. P. Bach was state auditor with the Bell Telephone of Illinois at the time of his death. So you can see Brother Bach was a chip off the old pole. Mrs. Bach hopes that Whitey Smool of the State of Washington reads this article, and J. E. Horne of California and Leo Holley of Wisconsin and Ernie Simonton's widow of Cincinnati. And finally Mr. Dealy of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada who visited Jack in Atlantic City about a week before he passed away. Jack will be greatly missed by his wife and his many friends he made during his travels.

(Editor's Note: The JOURNAL Staff would like to add a word of sympathy. We remember with pleasure "Bachie's" many fine contributions to our JOURNAL.)

Another Brother also just passed

away who was also a member of Local 211 and during the last few years has been living in Beverly, New Jersey. I refer to Brother Harold "Toots" Clark whose wife is Helen Clark. He was 60 years of age and he passed on, on January 18, 1957. He will also be sadly missed by his wife and many friends.

In closing I would like to say "WORK IS SOMETHING WE LOOK FORWARD TO WITH DISTASTE, DO WITH RELUCTANCE AND BOAST ABOUT FOREVER AFTER."

BART "CURLEY" MAISCH, P.S.

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Three Veterans Lost To Cincinnati Local

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO.—Since our last letter to the JOURNAL we have had the misfortune to lose three of our veteran members. Harry Becker was initiated into Local 212 on January 28, 1920 and passed away on December 29, 1956. Edwin Feuerstein was initiated into Local 212 on May 8, 1907 and passed away on January 3, 1957. Leo F. Ober was initiated into Local 212 on November 15, 1922 and passed away on January 9, 1957.

Now as all of you can see Brother Harry Becker was a member for over 36 years. Brother Edwin Feuerstein was only four months short of a 50-year pin. And Leo Ober was a member for over 34 years and during those years he served as a member of our Executive Board, a past president and a former chairman of our Sick Committee. When you lose three members like the above Brothers you lose people who have helped in a lot of ways to build Local 212 into the fine local we have today.

I know we have some friends around the Brotherhood who have worked in and around Cincinnati during the last few years and possibly knew some of these Brothers of Local 212 who have passed on.

At this particular period of the year the home local of the IBEW Bowling Tournament is really busy getting things in order for it. This year it will be held May 3, 4 and 5 in Des Moines, Iowa. Because we here in Cincinnati were hosts to the tournament two years ago and I have had the pleasure myself of serving on the Hotel Arrangement Committee, I know that all committees have their hands full getting all of these things in shape for the big affair. To those who have attended these affairs we rooters and bowlers of Local Union 212 are looking forward to seeing old friends and renewing acquaintances.

Now to something of a more serious nature. At a recent meeting of Local 212 George J. Schwoeppe, who was our only active 50-year member when he retired about a year or so ago, presented some very interesting information regarding our own local death benefit fund.

This fund was started in 1928 and has risen from a payment of about \$250.00 to our present payment of \$1,200 to the widow or heirs of one of the deceased Brothers. This we accomplish by each member of Local 212 and our pensioned members and former members of Local 212 who have either transferred their cards to our International Office or are employed in the office of our contractors, etc., paying the sum of \$2.00 at the time of each death of one of those belonging to this death benefit fund.

Mr. Schwoeppe gave us figures showing that any member who has been in our local since 1928 has paid the sum of \$291.00 for almost 30 years of insurance. That is about \$10.00 a year and that is "darn cheap" insurance.

Thanks for this information, Mr. Schwoeppe, and we all hope you will enjoy your well-deserved pension for many, many more years.

So you members of the Brotherhood, while I know that so many of the locals throughout the country do have their own death benefits, you can see why we are justly proud of this local death benefit fund and we do hope to see it grow through the years to come.

Regarding our work situation in and around Cincinnati, we have been fairly busy during the past year and from indications we seem to be able to look forward to a nice year in 1957.

So looking forward to seeing old friends at the Bowling Tournament, and also hoping International President Gordon Freeman and Interna-

tional Secretary J. Keenan can attend, once again I shall say au revoir from Local 212's "newshound."

E. M. SCHMITT, P. S.

All-New Committees For Sioux City Local

L. U. 231, SIOUX CITY, IA.—An innovation by our forward-looking president Tim Murray, took place at the beginning of the year when he abolished all existing committees and named new ones for 1957, as follows:

Labor Management: Tim Murray, chairman, business manager, Tom Dugan and a third member to be named later. Building Trades Council: business manager, Tom Dugan, and Loren Shook. Trades and Labor Assembly: business manager, Tom Dugan and Ralph Heisler. Education Committee: Fred Skaff, chairman, Bob Sachau, George Wobken and Bill Ferguson. Building Committee: Fred Hadley, chairman, Russell Powell, Bert Kessler, Ray Lindquist and Lester Morris. Apprenticeship Committee: Tim Murray, chairman, Royle Clausen and Pat McGinnis. Charity Committee: Ed Vedral, chairman, Gail Grimsley and Ray Davis.

The Charity Committee is the only new group, formed for the purpose of suggesting policy and procedure as regards donations from the local to worthy causes. This should save much time in the regular meeting and serve a good purpose.

At the January meeting the 1956 Education Committee, Tom Corrigan, chairman, presented a fine film on T.V. Picture-tube Safety. Two apprentices, Bob Beacom and Neal Mitchell were initiated and will make fine additions to Local 231.

The Labor-Management Committee met in January, with the local N.E.C.A. Contractors, discussing mutual problems and what steps should be taken to correct them.

Interest is high on the so-called Iowa "Right-to-Work" law. Readers' letters in the SIOUX CITY SUNDAY JOURNAL included one by Brother Tom Corrigan, one by a member of the Machinists local, A. J. Andresen, as well as one by our business manager, Tom Dugan, who has also appeared on a local T.V. program, discussing this law. Tom is one of the most active leaders among labor groups in Sioux City, on this subject. He is doing a fine job.

Express yourself. Many people favor certain things only because they don't really know all sides. You can help inform them. Your union has fought for you. Now YOU can help by fighting for the rights of organized labor.

FRED HADLEY, P. S.

Appreciation Banquet For Toledo Leaders

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO.—On January 16th, Local 245, Toledo, Ohio held its first annual officers and stewards appreciation banquet at Angelo's restaurant. Our fourth district Vice-President H. B. Blankenship and International Representative Frank Adams were the honored guests. Business manager George Thomas was the toastmaster and the principal speaker was Vice-President Blankenship. He addressed his remarks primarily to the stewards and stressed their responsibility in policing the contract. He said he was glad to be able to speak to the stewards because he rarely had such an op-

portunity and gave them two thoughts to remember. The first was not to let personalities interfere with their work and the second was to work together. Brother Adams amplified these remarks by saying that to enjoy the benefits of a good contract you have to work just as hard to make it work as to get it. All the guests at the banquet were welcomed by President Stephen LaPorte. We are enclosing a picture of the speakers' table taken that evening. Brothers George Danko and Robert Phillips served as a committee to arrange the banquet and are to be congratulated for a job well done.

At the recent election of officers at the Toledo Central Labor Union, our business manager George Thomas was elected vice-president. Brother Frank Fischer of Local 8 was re-elected president. Congratulations.

Brother Thomas reports the receipt of a copy of a letter to President Freeman from Congressman Ashley, Democrat 9th District of Ohio in which the Congressman extended his thanks to Local 245 for its support in his recent campaign for re-election.

President LaPorte, business manager Thomas and Brother Carl Yenrick attended the recent meeting of the Ohio State Utility Board, I.B.E.W. held in Canton, Ohio on January 18th and 19th. They reported a very interesting and productive meeting. The principal topics of discussion were the problems and issues involved in contract negotiation for the coming year. Brother Thomas said he was encouraged by the cooperation of all the delegates.

Recent deaths in the local were Brothers Einar Olson, a retired brother and Arthur Hoffman a member 24 years. May they rest in peace.

PAUL D. SCHIEVER, P. S.

Corpus Christi Vocational Course



This picture at left shows the beginning of LU 278 Cable Splicing School being held in Vocational Shop at Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Tex. Seated left to right: George Arnold; Curly Johnston, Glynn Simmons, instructor. Standing: Floyd Myers; Raymond Parks; Jeff Shelburne; Francis Williams; Milford Zuch; George Marek; Herbert Ault; Jack Couch; Gene Hendricks; Gene R. Smith; Harold H. Cofer; John Ridenour. Wm. H. Darby; Travis Nelson; Joe Montagna; Jack Hennessee, and in foreground Bert Walker, instructor. Right: Our Local 278 members in Blueprint Reading class. Left to right: Kenneth Helbling; Joe Douglass; Ted Boaz, co-ordinator, Vocational Education of Del Mar College; C. E. McCarter; M. D. Zuch; Dan Hill; Paul Parish; Billy Ochse; Charles Haddick; Lloyd Winston, "Teacher"; Al Helbling; R. M. Winston; Bill Frey; Mack Haddick, and H. H. Smith. Members of the class not shown in picture are Doyen Smith, R. W. Perkins, Robert Duncan, Gerald Leffingwell and Joe Lemer.

Yule Fete in Akron



The crowd was large and appreciative at the Christmas party sponsored by Local 306, Akron, Ohio, during the holidays. Fuller details and identification are given in the local's letter.

Outlines Jurisdiction Of Oak Ridge Area

L. U. 270, OAK RIDGE TENNESSEE.—Greetings to all, especially those 270 members in far away places. If it's any encouragement, Brother Jarvis says he is expecting to have most of you working in the jurisdiction around April.

We have at this time about 200 local men and 30 travelers working in this jurisdiction. The two major contractors here are Hagaman Electric Company which is employing 102 men in the A.E.C. area, and Duncan Electric Company which has 81 men on the Tennessee Products job at Rockwood. The remainder of the men are employed on smaller jobs throughout the jurisdiction.

We had the misfortune of losing Brother E. S. McManus January 5th. He was a victim of Bulbar Polio. Brother McManus was a devoted member of this local union as is his father E. L. "Pleasir" McManus. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family, relatives and friends.

We have at this time quite a few Brothers who are hospitalized; some have had a lengthy stay already and are expected to remain bedfast for some time to come. We wish all of you a speedy and complete recovery.

We have our new bylaws back after I.O. approval. You Brothers who don't have a copy by now should get one. There are quite a few changes that will be of interest to you.

More of you Brothers should be attending the union meetings even if we don't have any heat in our new \$125,000 hall. We manage to keep from freezing, so come on out and enjoy the meetings.

CHARLES WHITAKER, P. S.

Offer New Course in Blueprint Reading

L. U. 278, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS.—Fourteen of our members recently completed the journeyman blueprint reading course that has been developed in the Vocational Department of Texas University by Murry L. Wykes, materials specialist and his predecessors. This first course was so well received by everyone that the Educational Committee decided to offer the course again. A new class was organized with 19 enrolled.

The instructor for the Blue Print Class, Lloyd Winston, has been an inspiration to everyone with his uncanny ability and understanding of blue print reading and interpretation.

On January 17th our educational committee completed the organization of a cable-splicing school at Del Mar Vocational School Shops with 24 local union members. This first course will be for 50 hours with a continuation of 50 hour units being offered in cable splicing and related subjects.

Our local union educational program is meeting with a response and enthusiasm from our members and local contractors that it is very encouraging and we feel that every member is interested in a plan of progressive educational courses whereby we can meet the ever changing conditions of progress in our industry.

Our Educational Committee has been digging in on the development of a program that will be continuous whereby unit courses in Mathematics Blueprint Reading, Code Study, Fundamentals of Electricity and Practical Electronics can be offered.

We feel that a standard procedure will be completed in the near future for the conducting of these classes and the outlining of texts and materials developed for such study courses.

This journeyman training program is something new with all of us and we are anxious to have any suggestions that may help or improve it. How are you meeting this question in your local? We know that each local will have a different problem due to size of membership and facilities available due to localities and etc. We feel however that a general standard procedure adopted by the International Officers such as we now have in our Apprentice Training Program is necessary and such standards we feel are being developed as fast as possible.

JAMES C. PARISH, P.S.

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Excellent Turnout For Christmas Party

L. U. 306, AKRON, OHIO.—On December 23, 1956, Local Union 306 held its annual Christmas party at the Akron Armory. The turnout of members and their families, was excellent. The entertainment consisted of animated cartoons for all of the children from 1 to 80 years of age, after which Santa Claus interviewed all of the children. This was followed by a buffet luncheon. We had approximately 1,000 in attendance. Every member who could possibly make it was there with his family. If we could have a turnout of members like that at our local union meetings we would have to get a larger hall. We were honored to have Brother H. B. Blankenship, International Vice President in attendance. We are submitting a picture which shows just a part of the tree which was donated by Brother Howard Cowan. Brother Chester Cotton, Santa Claus, again did an outstanding job as did brother Louie Maynard, Director of Athletics and Recreation, and the many Santa's helpers which space does not permit us to mention. Brother Maynard is standing just to the left of Santa Claus.

Our work has been holding up very well for this time of the year. Of course the weather has slowed things down somewhat, as it does in all the colder climes, during the winter. The Chrysler job is about at its peak at this time. We have quite a few Brothers from other locals working in our territory and we are looking forward to a very prosperous 1957 if the reports from the "trickle-down people" are correct. We do get a little burned up, at times, from reading this "you never had it so good" stuff. It is just too bad that

the information that the public receives from the majority of the propaganda papers and magazines of the country puts the burden of the high cost of living on wage increases and does not show a true picture of the profits over profits made on wage increases by large industries.

SAM OAKS, B.M.

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Assails Practice of 'Hidden Card Trick'

L. U. 308, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Have often wondered why a man carrying a union card and professing to be a man of union ideals and principles will allow himself to be degraded to the point of embarrassment.

Realizing the advantages of Florida living, many of our Northern Brothers pay us a visit in the fall and winter seasons. Many of them come to the union office for work and when it is available our business manager has sent them out on the job. We also have the "Brother" who comes to St. Petersburg and conceals his union card and will go to work in the non-union shops. We have prosecuted a few of the "Brothers" because of the hidden card and we would appreciate the cooperation of all business managers in informing their members who intend to come to Florida to either write or call Florida local unions to find out if work is available for them before coming to this state. We are doing everything humanly possible to organize our territory but find that the hidden card trick is helping to defeat our efforts.

We wish to extend to Mrs. Tom Jones our sincerest regrets and sympathy upon the loss of her husband. We extend our thanks and apprecia-

tion to the Brothers of Local Union 581 Morristown, New Jersey, and to Brother Harold A. Pierson, business manager of Local 581 for their assistance and aid given to Mrs. Tom Jones upon the passing of her husband.

Brother Charles Hutchison, a retired member of Local Union 81 was honored with a 50-year pin and scroll by the officers of Local Union 308. One of Brother Hutchison's first jobs was electrician on the International Correspondence School in Scranton. He worked for Allis Chalmers as a telephone switch board inspector and at the Canal Zone until 1946. He has spent the past 10 years in the Sunshine City. Enclosed is a picture of Brother Walter Sherwood, presenting the 50-year scroll to Brother Hutchison. Brother Sherwood is one of Local 308's retired members and a

former Brother of Local Union 2 of St. Louis, Missouri, where he was initiated on Feb. 11th, 1910.

We presented a 20-year pin to Brother C. C. Brown and a 35-year pin to Brother Harry S. Barnes at our regular meeting on Monday, December 19, 1956. Brother Barnes has been a retired member of Local 308 and had been very active in union activities in former years. Brother C. C. Brown is one of the first electricians to come into Pinellas County as he settled here in 1910. He was very active in union policies and a delegate from Local 308 to the Central Labor Union for 10 years and a president to the organization for many years. He also served as recording secretary of Local Union 308 for six years, and treasurer for four years.

St. Petersburg Retirement



W. A. Brinson surrounded by members of The St. Petersburg, Fla., Apprenticeship Committee on the occasion of his retirement as that group's president. Left to right: John Baker, representing the Electrical Contractors' Association; Brother Lee McKinney, secretary of the Apprenticeship Committee; Brother Don McFarland, Electrical Contractors' Association; W. A. "Alex" Brinson, retiring chairman of the Apprenticeship Committee; Brother K. Allwarden, representing Local 308; Brother Tom Ward, Contractors' Association, and Brother Hank Shaw of Local 308.



W. A. "Alex" Brinson, at right in photo at left, receiving the Certificate of Merit upon retirement as president of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee from Joseph Brown, area representative of the Florida Industrial Commission, Apprenticeship Division. Center: Brother Harry Barnes and Brother Clyde C. Brown congratulate each other upon receiving their service pins. Both of the Brothers are retired. At right: Brother Charles Hutchison receives his 50-Year Pin from fellow Golden Jubilarian Walter Sherwood, a retired member of Local 308. Brother Hutchison holds a retiring card from Local 81.

All the Brothers wish to extend to Brothers Barnes and Brown many years of long life and health upon their retirement.

W. A. "Alex" Brinson was honored recently by the Florida State Apprenticeship Commission upon his retirement as President of the Joint Apprenticeship Program.

Mr. Brinson has been actively interested in the progress of our apprenticeship program from its very beginning in 1946 and has shown wise and thoughtful leadership.

Brother Lee McKinney, vice president of Local 308 and Secretary of the County Apprenticeship Committee, had the apprenticeship classes at the Tomlinson Vocational School attend the presentation of the "Citation of Honor" to Mr. Brinson and I am certain that they were impressed by the ceremony.

Mr. Brinson has been actively in State Apprenticeship Commission for one year and has been chairman of the commission for six years. He is at present a member of the N.E.C.A. and has been most influential in keeping excellent relations between organized labor and the N.E.C.A. in Florida.

Mr. Brinson is a former member of Local 308 and has held many offices in our local including the presidency.

Mr. Brinson, upon receiving the certificate of merit, thanked all of the directors of the apprenticeship program for their sincere cooperation and thanked Brother Lee McKinney especially for his assistance and stated that Brother McKinney was his guiding force in carrying out his apprenticeship program.

Brother McKinney introduced Brother Tom Ward, business manager, of the Electrical Contractors Association, Brother Don McFarland, apprenticeship representative for the contractors, Brother K. Allwarden and Brother Hank Shaw of Local 308, Mr. John Baker, chairman of the Electrical Contractors Association, Brother Ralph Bean, president of Local 308, Mr. Dan Snider, superintendent of the Evening Trade Extension Courses in Adult Education and Mr. Joseph Brown, chairman of the Florida Industrial Commission Apprenticeship Division.

BENNETT COREY, P.S.

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Recalls Experience From World War I

L. U. 339, FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—As I write this letter in mid-January union activities are at a low ebb due to the fact, that all agreements have been successfully completed and all our members are fully employed, therefore I trust I am not stepping out of line if for once I deviate from the usual labor line and tell a story

of a true experience I had in the first Great War. On April the 9th of this year Canada will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge. Therefore I feel it would be appropriate to tell this story for it had its setting within a mile of that famous Ridge.

RED was truly a character. (I never knew his name. I met him in July 1917 at the Division Reserve located in the village of Villers-au-Bois.) He was in his early twenties, had flaming red hair, flashing brown eyes, a freckled face, wore a continual smile and had a wonderful personality. Red hailed from Vancouver, British Columbia, where previous to enlistment he had been an electrical apprentice. Being an apprentice to the trade myself we had something in common, and so became fast friends.

The two of us were attached to the second brigade, and both had been wounded in the battle for Vimy Ridge. Red had received two machine gun bullets just above his heart, however after a three-months stay in the hospital he had fully recovered. Each evening to pass the time, Red and I would go to the Village Estaminet where we would sit and reminisce about our work, our families and home back in Canada, and at the same time enjoy a wee drop of the vintage of France known as Vin Blanc, or as the boys called it "Vin Blink."

It was not long till I found out that my friendship with Red was to come to an end much sooner than I expected, for on August the 15th, the Canadians were again embroiled in battle for a rise of ground known as Hill 70, situated between the towns of Lens and Loos. The Canadians were successful but paid a heavy toll in casualties, with the result that on August 16th, the call came to the Division Reserve for reinforcements for the battalions to which Red and I were attached.

On August 17th, Red and I together with 100 other boys, started out on a long trek of 25 kilometers to Brigade Headquarters with an officer and sergeant in charge. We left camp at 1 p.m., the day was hot and humid and as usual we had all our worldly possessions on our backs, which many a time prompted a mule to give us the hee-haw as he passed us on the road.

The first hour of marching proved uneventful outside of the usual wise-cracking that is part of a soldier's life. In accord with Kings Rules and Regulations we were allowed 10 minutes rest after each hour of marching. At 2 p.m. we were commanded to halt and fall out for rest by the roadside. It so happened that we stopped to rest opposite the gateway to a sugar refinery in the village of Hersin-Coupigny. Across the road

from the gate was a bank of earth about three feet high, just an ideal place to lean on and take the weight of our packs to ease our aching shoulders. To our backs was a ditch of water about two feet deep into which the residue from the refinery emptied.

After resting about two minutes along came some double deck London buses loaded with troops, and from the other direction came about 50 horses with riders from the Canadian Horse Artillery. The horses and the buses met right in front of where Red and I were resting. Without warning the horses took fright with the result that to escape being trampled, Red leaned so far backwards that he started to overbalance, with the result in trying to save himself he threw his arm across my chest and neat as could be the two of us toppled over into the sweet sticky water in the ditch. Naturally we were soaked from stem to stern and were a sorry looking pair, however, we passed it off with the old war slogan "C'est la guerre." A few minutes later the command came to fall in and soon we were on our way dripping wet, but grateful that the day was warm. After marching a few minutes Red said we can't go on like this, so I said what else can we do, remember we are in the Army. It was then that Red had a plan. He said at the turn in the road he would fall down and fake unconsciousness and I would stay back to take care of him. Naturally I said to him, "you can't pull off a stunt like that." Red replied, "Just watch my smoke and see!" Before many minutes had passed Red was lying prostrate on the road, his eyes rolled back, and he was frothing at the mouth. I dropped back, knelt down beside him and loosened his tunic collar. The officer halted the troops, rushed to my side, and wanted to know what the trouble was all about.

I said, "Sir, this man was seriously wounded over the heart and is subject to spells like this." However, I assured him that in five or 10 minutes Red would be O.K. again.

The officer took his water bottle which by the way was loaded with rum, and forced it into Red's mouth. Red took a good gulp of the rum which almost choked him, nevertheless it didn't upset the act. The officer asked me if I had any money or food, I said, "No sir," so he gave me two francs and the sergeant gave me his rations of bread, jam and cheese. Then I was instructed by the officer to stay back and take care of Red, buy food with the money and come along to camp in our own time. Then came the order to the boys "Quick march" and away they went leaving me with Red who in effect appeared to be still out like a light. No sooner had the boys disappeared around the

bend in the road than Red burst into hilarious laughter and said "I told you I could do it."

From there we went to the next village which was named Fosse 7. We entered the first Estaminet we came to, ordered chips, eggs and beer and gave a toast to the officer who had been so generous. Later in the day we left for camp and arrived there weary but happy at 10 p.m. Red and I were assigned to different tents for the night, and next morning after saying au revoir to Red we went to our respective units. What happened to Red, I never knew, for I never saw him again.

FRANK KELLY, P.S.

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Highlight of Anniversary



The presentation of a diamond 50-Year Pin and appropriate scroll to Brother Guy Perkins highlighted the Golden Anniversary celebration of Local 377, Lynn, Mass. At that happy moment are seen, from left: Harold Oliver, Business manager, Local 377; Guy Perkins, retired 50-year member; Mrs. Guy Perkins; William Steinmiller, International representative; Charles Harvey, president of Local 377.

Busy with Preparations For Bowling Tournament

L. U. 347, DES MOINES, IA.—Greetings from Des Moines, Iowa and Local Union 347 . . . lots of activity around the union hall centering around preparations for the 13th Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament to be held here in Des Moines, May 3rd, 4th and 5th. . . .

We are looking forward to meeting a lot of I.B.E.W. bowlers from all over the country.

In our efforts to bring all electrical work under the I.B.E.W. banner, we won the N.I.R.B. election at the Fair Play Manufacturing Company and are in the process of negotiating a contract at this time.

The Fair-Play Company manufactures Electrical Score Boards and has installations throughout the world. There will be about 33 in the bargaining unit.

Brother L. N. (Buck) Rogers has applied for his I.B.E.W. Pension. Buck has served Local 347 long and faithfully and has held every office in the union with the sole exception of the office of business manager. He has served on countless committees and on many delegations, etc.

For the past several years Brother Rogers has been employed by the Des Moines Independent School District where he has been in charge of the electrical maintenance work.

Buck is retiring to his farm located southeast of Des Moines. I'm certain that all of our members and his many friends join with me in wishing Brother Rogers a long and happy retirement.

The local now has about a dozen members on pension. We think of them quite often and are always glad to hear from them.

If you've wondered why the big grin on the pan of Brother Francis Madden, it's because he has added to his list of dependents. A son by the name of Barry Franklin arrived January 11th. According to Madden, it was a close race between his green

Cadillac and the stork. That would have been quite a distinction to have been born in a Cad. This dependent business is getting to be a habit, with Brothers Bob Davis and Bob Hicks both adding to their lists.

Brother Robert Clark has resigned from the Executive Board. He has accepted a position with the Biermann Electric Company of Des Moines. His new job will be the promotion of residential re-wiring. We are all in agreement that this phase of electrical work has been sadly neglected in the past and the Biermann Company is to be congratulated for their efforts to recapture this class of work for our members. While we regret losing Brother Clark on the Executive Board of the union, we are glad to see him get this opportunity for advancement.

The millions of union men throughout the world will be interested to learn that General Electric is out to "BUST UNIONS." In a speech at Des Moines in January, a G.E. representative, Clayton B. Fisher was reported in favor of "Right-to-Scab" laws. He told his audience that when industrialists were looking for a place to locate, Iowa's "Right-To-Work" Laws were important. He went on to say that in his company's expansion program, G. E. had established 15 plants in "Scab labor law states" since 1950.

G. E. has been told that if such tactics were representative of the "progress" of which their company boasts, then the millions of union members would be looking for a "more important product."

In keeping with the above you are urged to adopt as your motto, "BUY UNION or 'BYE UNION."

FRED H. POWERS, P.S.

Banquet Marks Lynn Local's 50th Birthday

L. U. 377, LYNN, MASS.—Local Union 377 celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a banquet held at Briarcliff Lodge, Lynn, Massachusetts.

More than 125 attended this banquet, including the members, their wives, and guests. Honored guests included Mr. William Steinmiller, International Representative and Brother Guy Perkins.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 50-year diamond pin and a scroll to Brother Guy Perkins, the presentation being made by International Representative William Steinmiller. Mrs. Perkins was presented with a bouquet of American Beauty roses.

Present as guests of Local Union 377 were: Business Manager and Mrs. Joseph Slattery, L. U. 103, Boston. Business Manager and Mrs. Eugene Gilgin, L. U. 259, Salem. Business Manager and Mrs. Lawrence McLaughlin L. U. 588, Lowell. President and Mrs. Leonard Patrick, L.U. 588, Lowell.

Everyone present enjoyed a fine dinner, clever entertainment, and a pleasant evening of dancing.

J. M. SULLIVAN, R.S.

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Scores Attacks Made On Kansas City Locals

L. U. 412, KANSAS CITY, MO.—In a recent article appearing in the Kansas City Star on January 16, Local Unions 412, 1464 and 1613 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers were made to ap-

pear to the public as a group of would-be labor dictators with no thought to the welfare of the general public. This article contended that the local unions were seeking an out to inflict upon the public a punishment in the event that the company and these three locals had any disputes pertaining to wages or inequities of any sort that might arise. It further contended that the punishment would be in the form of turning off the power throughout the area and as to the results of what would happen throughout the area's hospitals and other emergency equipment if this should be done.

If the general public were to believe this then, they would be believing some of the worst propaganda that can be written about a labor union. These locals are in no way trying to tell the company what to do but are only interested in obtaining what our constitution promises us. We are seeking by this suit, to be relieved of the heavy pressures in the different forms that are put upon us by the King-Thompson Law that is strictly against labor. Also in the article appearing in *The Star* the writer said, that if the law is unconstitutional then there should be a stronger legal one. But I say that if this law is declared unconstitutional then it should be done away with. The following is a summary of the reasons why these three locals are testing the validity of this law. For the sake of all labor it can only be hoped that

the courts are a clear and unprejudiced court. If this is so then we can not help but win our case.

William F. James, business manager, Local 1464; Wm. F. Blackburn, business manager, Local 1613 and John M. Kilah, business manager, Local 412 I.B.E.W., filed suit January 14, 1957, in Federal District Court of the state of Missouri, to test the validity of Missouri's King-Thompson Law.

The suit was filed on behalf of the members of the three local unions on the property of the Kansas City Power and Light Company. The suit pleads that the local unions' membership is forced into a form of involuntary servitude because of the severe penalties imposed for defiance of the seizure order. The suit for this pleads that the law is in direct conflict with the fair labor standards act as amended or the Taft-Hartley Law.

The free use of the only economic weapon that is available to them is taken from them by the provisions of the Act, a form of compulsory arbitration by, first, of all a panel which is set up under the Act to hear the case in dispute. However, this board is limited to making recommendations only and does not have any authority to force the parties to comply with their findings. The Act also provided that a fact-finding board is put into being if the parties in dispute are unable to agree. While not being as severe as the penalties

provisions, it forces the locals into a situation where the free use of all remedies at their command is seriously limited. The penalty provisions are completely inequitable because the burden is on the local unions membership.

The utilities are able under the act to continue doing business as usual and at the same time the local members are to continue work. It would be a foolish and unnecessary move on the utilities part to do anything to prevent the workers from going to work as they are protected from a work stoppage by the Act.

JESS E. WINGO, P.S.

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Wyoming Governor Gives Completion Certificates

L. U. 415, CHEYENNE, WYO.—Governor Milward L. Simpson of the State of Wyoming presented completion certificates to the following men in recognition of four years' intensified training, both on the job and related technical training. The new journeymen are: Allen R. Andrews, Charles J. Baker, Kenneth G. Byers, Kenneth E. Eckert, Joseph J. Kuwik, Allen L. Oakley and Antonio Ruiz.

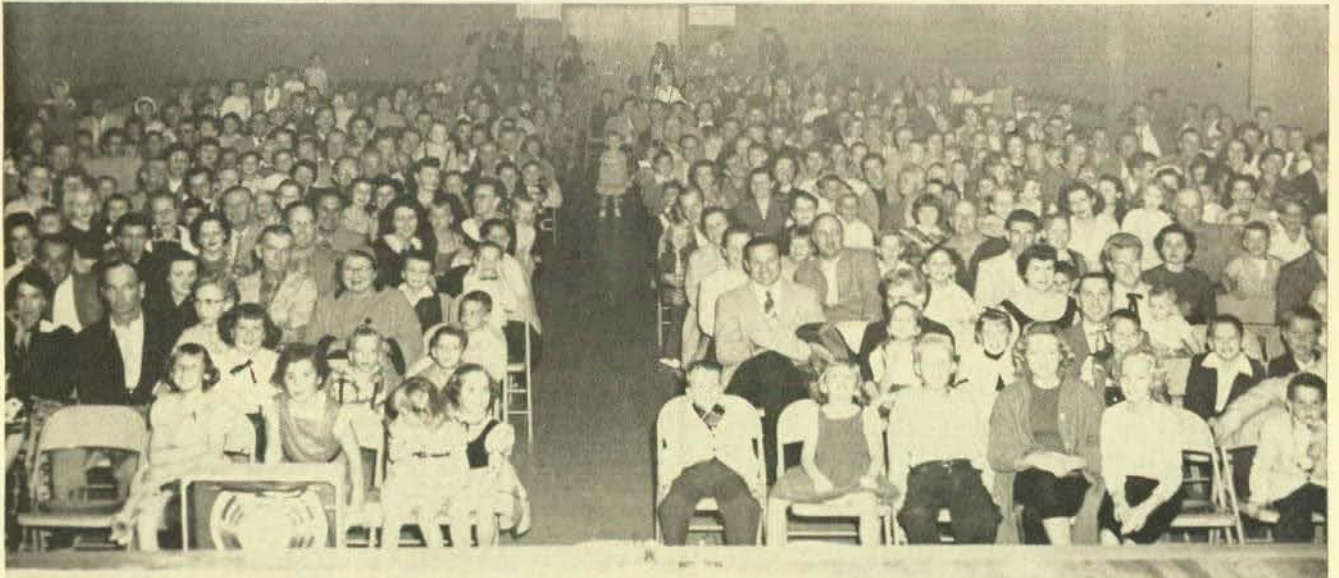
The Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Electrical Industry is composed of I.B.E.W. Local 415 members: J. J. Kuwik, chairman; James P. Keating; Claude C. Stocker; Ste-

Apprentice Graduation in Nashville



Smiles were very much in order when graduating apprentices of Local 429, Nashville, Tenn., received their completion certificates from Mr. Harry Garrett, of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship. Their names are given in the accompanying letter.

Gala Christmas Entertainment



Five hundred wide-eyed "kiddies," ages from three years and up, thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Local 441's annual children's Christmas party in Santa Ana, Calif. Below is a reasonable facsimile of the "old man with the whiskers" who delighted Local 441 children. The kindly impostor is Bill Wheatly.

phen J. Marko, alternate. The N.E.C.A. members of this committee are: O. N. Buckles, secretary; W. G. Dale; J. A. Simpson and F. W. Fitch, alternate.

The dinner banquet was sponsored by the Cheyenne Division of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the N.E.C.A. and I.B.E.W. Local 415. This event was held at the Palomino Supper Club on November 30, 1956.

Certificates of Meritorious Service were also awarded to F. W. Fitch and S. J. Marko by a U. S. Department of Labor representative.

Technical related instruction is provided in the High School Adult Education program. The I.B.E.W. instructor is Mr. T. H. Kristensen.

Attending the banquet were state and local officials, N.E.C.A. contractors and local I.B.E.W. members and their ladies. The speakers were: Mr. Joe Simpson and Mr. F. W. Fitch, electrical contractors; Mr. E. E. Vail, president of Local 415; Mr. Donald Larson, manager, Rocky Mountain Chapter, N.E.C.A.; Mr. Robert Wooden, International Representative for the 8th District, and Governor Simpson.

The program is registered with the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Program. Consultant is Warren C. Van Horne, field representative, U. S. Department of Labor. Arranging the ceremony were W. G. Dale, W. C. Van Horne and J. P. Keating.

JAMES P. KEATING, B.M.

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First Christmas Party Of Nashville Local

L. U. 429, NASHVILLE, TENN.—
The best news anytime is to report



that all of your Brothers are working. We are also happy to say that a great number of Brothers from other locals are employed in our jurisdiction. The experience of knowing and working with all of them will be long cherished.

Our local union held its first Christmas Party on December 22, 1956. Over 400 of our Brothers and their wives or sweethearts were present in the Maxwell House Ball Room for a wonderful dinner. After dinner, dancing and music were enjoyed until very late. Speakers included Brother Stanton Smith, president of the Tennessee State Labor Council, Brother Lee Sanders, president of the Local Central Body, Brother E. M. Dorris, Local Union 429 president, Brother C. M. Lampley, Local 429 business manager and Brother W. B. Doss,

financial secretary and master of ceremonies. A feature of the evening was the presentation of certificates to new wiremen.

Mr. Harry Garrett, representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeship with the U. S. Department of Labor spoke briefly before making the presentations to each new journeyman. They are from left to right in the enclosed picture, Mr. Garrett, Eugene Shields, Donald Shelby, Eddie Carr, Billy Lemmonds, Norman Lustig, William Fisher, Billy Joe Conley, Lee Waggoner, L. Medley, R. Fields, R. Hiter.

W. A. WALKER, P.S.

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Full Speed Ahead for Local's New Building

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—

Charleston Local Stages Smoker



When a highly successful Smoker was staged by Local 466, Charleston, W. Va., these were among the Old Timers who enjoyed the evening. From left to right, seated: Jeff Blizzard; Jess Miller, and Ira Price. Standing: Squire Anderson; Jim Sturgeon, and Frank R. Sevy.



Snapped at the Smoker are 38-Year Local 466 Member Fred Simpson and Jerry Mondy.

tunates we find Charlie Rohrer, Earl Wright, Frank Ashby, Harry Parker, Bob Goff, Dick Hamilton, Bob Churchill, Harold Almquist, Bill Kuebler, Bill Jansen, and Charles Napinski. Most of these boys are back on the job again. But for some it is still a long wait. Vaya con Dios, Brothers.

DICK KLAUS, P.S.

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Add Smoker to Local Activities in W. Va.

L. U. 466, CHARLESTON, W. VA.—After a well attended meeting on December 19, 1956, our local union, in addition to our annual picnic and dance here and there, got together for a "Smoker"—our Brothers feeling the more we can get together, socially, the stronger we are fraternally. We also had a good incentive for having this "smoker." We had several items of refreshment left over from our very successful Progress Meeting, held in September here, in Charleston. A good time was had by all, with plenty of eats, refreshments to go around, and still broke up in time to be able to work the next day.

Speaking of work, we are pleased to report we are now employing out-of-town members for the first time in three years, and things look good for the next two or three years.

Another item we are proud of here, is the establishment of a more rigid apprentice training course, and are now trying to secure a building of our own to house the school in, and in the future are planning an electronics course, a welding course for apprentices and journeymen as well as a refresher course in modern electricity.

Our legislature is convening in a few days, and as vice president of the West Virginia State Federation of Labor, I intend to do some lobby-



Here are some of the local's officers. From left: executive board member, Darrell Kapp; recording secretary, O. Keith Angle; business manager, Guy R. Hoffman; executive board member, Earl Johnson, and Financial Secretary, Harry B. Janney.

The International Office, having given the green light to our proposed building, activity has been accelerated. The property is now out of escrow, architectural plans are being formulated and costs and expenses compiled. Nearly everyone in I.B.E.W. here in Orange County is building conscious. And why not.

After being "pushed around" for nearly three years by orders to vacate, facing higher and higher rents for halls that are poorly ventilated, inadequately lighted and lacking in good acoustics; at last we shall have a home for our own. And built to our own needs.

Money now being spent for office space and the meeting hall should easily pay the interest on the necessitated loan. The loan we hope to negotiate through our pension fund

agency. Thus it will serve a dual purpose. The steady growth and support of our building fund should assure a prompt liquidation of our liabilities. And this is plus the prospects of several rentals to be incorporated within the structure, and possible rental of our hall on "open nights" just as we now rent from our Brothers, the Carpenters.

Wage negotiations open in March. This year much stress will be on health and welfare insurance. A favorable sign of fulfillment is that most of our employers are sympathetic to this kind of protection.

There have been no deaths in the L. U. 441 family for the past 11 months. Thank the Lord for that! But there have been some accidents and sickness. Among these unfor-

Stage Show for Orphans' Party



The efforts of these members of Local 501, Yonkers, N. Y., made it possible for the local to hold a Christmas party for the under-privileged children and orphans of the area. They staged their Sixth Annual Variety Show to raise money for the affair. Standing, left to right: Brothers Roy Skerratt, Joe Yanerall, Artie Megan, Jack Pavia, John Kear, Tom Fuhr, Jason Nevins, Phil Cuje, Dick Lanning, Interlocutor Joe Puzio, Lawrence Spruck, Hugh Jonson, Jr., Alan Maher, Francis Grady, George Horrigan, Joe DeRenzis, Fred Schmalling, John Favilla, Acting Business Manager Fred Wright and Artie Maiden. Kneeling: Tom Foley, Artie Stagg, James Bugniazet, Robert La Ganza, James Tobin, Ronald Dickett, Henry Sturmer (original chairman), Director A. Chester Blair, Frank Devanney, Donald Schwer, Dick Fontana, John Rainger and Larry Ball.

ing there as we have been told the "Right-to-Wreck" bill will be introduced again, however, things don't look too black, as we have what looks like a good labor committee.

Soon after the convening of the legislature, I have again been selected to sit in on merger talks with the C. I. O. Council, and the feeling is that we can get together as we would rather merge than have the National AFL-CIO do the merger for us. Will report further on this matter later.

GUY R. HOFFMAN, B.M.

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Stage Variety Show To Aid N.Y. Orphans

L. U. 501, YONKERS, N. Y.—I.B.E.W. held its Sixth Annual Variety Show, December 8, 1956, for a "real Christmas Party" held December 22, 1956, for underprivileged children and orphans homes in its area. Thanks to the support of the membership it was a huge success.

Director of the Musical A. Chester Blair, Chairman Artie Maiden and Co-Chairman Joe Yaneralla were well pleased with the results of the show. The committees and apprentices did a fine job in bringing to the attention of the public a favorable recognition of this union and at the same time helping those less fortunate.

President William R. Parslow and Acting Business Manager Fred Wright also paid tribute to the original group who conceived the idea. They were Brothers Henry Sturmer, Walter Macior and Vic Caputo.

Approximately 800 people attended the show and its popularity is increasing. Cooperation of the Board

of Education in White Plains, New York, made it possible for the show to be held at the East View Junior High School.

We find in putting such an affair across that it does its bit towards bringing our membership together in closer friendship.

ARTHUR MAIDEN, Chairman

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Work Situation Good In Mobile Vicinity

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—My

Christmastime



The star and two guests at the annual Christmas party of Local 505, Mobile, Alabama.

apologies to my readers for not having Local 505 represented in the JOURNAL in the last few months.

Sometimes it is difficult to separate items of particular interest from those of general interest. Usually work situations are of general interest. Work in this jurisdiction has been good for the last year and it looks good for the coming year, for local members anyhow. Members of Local 505 are now putting the finishing touches on the giant expansion of International Paper Company's facilities here in Mobile. Also expansion of the Hollingsworth and Whitney Division of Scott Paper Company has reached its peak. Home construction in this area is now beginning to decline, thanks to higher interest on bank loans and a general tightening of money.

Our charter is draped for three of our Brothers, two of whom were among our oldest members. Brother Johnny Jacobson, one of the last of our charter members, passed away this month, and within a period of one week, Brother Rudy Alvarez was fatally stricken with a heart attack. Also, since this local was last represented in the JOURNAL, Brother M. K. Booker has passed away. We are indeed mournful of these deaths of our good Brothers and good union members.

Enclosed is a typical scene of old Santa Claus and the children and presents at our annual Christmas party. We are proud of the great turnout and the success of our party. Our thanks to the wives and members who helped to make this possible!

One of the prime reasons that this writer hasn't been represented in the JOURNAL is that I and the other officers of the local have spent consider-

Leaders of Galveston Local



These men hold the leading offices in Local 527, Galveston, Tex., on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. First row, left to right: J. E. Russell; W. G. Cox; F. A. Nelson; L. C. Smith; M. H. Dempsey; and R. C. Mendoza. Second row: P. S. Flake, Jr.; J. S. Barnes; C. R. Johnson; V. L. Sucich; Carl Collins; Byron Davenport, and W. J. Nolan.



Members of Local 527 presented with I.B.E.W. pins and scrolls and C. R. Carle, International Executive Council, Sixth District. First row, left to right: R. J. Cangelosi and Eddie Delaney. Second row: F. R. White; C. R. Carle; Charles Seidler, and F. W. Baumann.



International representatives and business managers of various local unions in Texas. First row, left to right: A. N. Lindstrom, Jr., International representative; C. R. Carle, International Executive Council, Sixth District, and P. A. Alexander, International representative. Second row: H. B. Daily, Jr., Business Manager, Local 479, Beaumont; Maurice Hanks, Assistant Business Manager, Local 716, Houston; Carl Collins, Business Manager, Local 527, Galveston; Joe Epperson, Business Manager, Local 66, Houston; A. R. Johnson, Business Manager, Local 324, Longview, and G. I. Thompson, Business Manager, Local 390, Port Arthur.

able time in the drafting and initiating of a Health and Welfare Plan for our local union. We hope to have all the details worked out shortly, at which time I will endeavor to give my readers a complete summary of the plan.

EMMETT N. SPEARS, R.S.

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Mark Golden Jubilee Of Galveston Local

L. U. 527, GALVESTON, TEXAS—Local Union 527 celebrated its 50th Anniversary November 17th with a cocktail party, dinner and dance at the Buccaneer Hotel in Galveston, Texas.

We were honored to have as our guest speaker, Brother C. R. Carle, a member of the International Executive Council for the Sixth District. Brother Carle presented our honored members with I.B.E.W. pins and scrolls.

It was our pleasure to have International representatives A. N. Lindstrom, Jr., P. A. Alexander, and several business managers from various local unions in Texas with us to help celebrate this occasion. Also present were a number of city and county officials adding to the gaiety of the evening.

A good time was had by all, as it has been expressed many times—"Let's have another one next year!!"

Our hearts have been saddened this past year by the deaths of two of our members, Brothers E. P. Coffey and R. H. Delaney. Our sincere sympathy goes to the families of these two and to our Brothers who have lost loved ones.

Work in this area has declined considerably in the past few months but we have managed to keep our local men and a few travelers busy. We look for the work situation to continue in this same pattern for a month or so but to pick up as the spring and summer months approach.

CARL COLLINS, B.M.

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Sign Building Trades Pact After Arbitration

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUE.—Following the post-arbitration negotiations with our employers in the building trades, a memorandum of agreement was signed by this local union and the corporation of Master Electricians on behalf of 12 electrical contractors in the Montreal district giving our members a 10-cent hourly increase effective January 21st, 1957, and an additional 10 cents effective March 1st, 1958, plus 4 percent of gross earnings as vacation with pay instead of 2 percent as before.

This agreement is effective only in

The Electrical Workers'

the union shops and is to be considered of preliminary nature, since your Negotiating Committee expects to add additional shops to the list of names of employers who are party to this agreement, which is a two-year contract, expiring January 20th, 1959. The signing of this agreement has created an unusual situation, whereby for the first time in some 30 years our members covered by this agreement will be receiving 14 cents per hour over the rate of non-union shop employees due to the fact that the provisions of this agreement have not been incorporated in the decree pertaining to our trade.

For the benefit of our members and others who are not familiar with the interpretation of the Collective Labor Agreement Act in the Province of Quebec, under this Act, certain of the provisions of agreements (wages etc.) made between employers and unions may be extended by Provincial Order in Council (decree) to apply to all employers and workers in the same industry in the district affected. This has been done in the past for all building trades and our local union has the distinction of being the first trade known as the exception to the rule . . .

The writing space in this column does not allow us to elaborate and explain fully the circumstances and reasons which brought about such a situation which is a bit confusing to our members and more than a bit to some of our employers, but which nevertheless will prove beneficial to our membership. Your Negotiating Committee hopes to complete negotiations for the remaining provisions, exclusive of wages, before the end of February and a copy of the complete agreement will be available to all members.

A la suite des négociations post-arbitrales avec nos patrons dans l'industrie du bâtiment, la convention collective fût signée par vos officiers et la Corporation des Maîtres Electriciens en le nom de 12 entrepreneurs

électriciens dans le district de Montreal, accordant à nos membres une augmentation horaire de 10 cts effectif le 21 janvier 1957 et une augmentation additionnelle de 10 cts le 1er mars 1958, en plus de 4 percent due salaire brut par les vacances au lieu de 2 percent comme auparavant.

Ce contrat est effectif et en vigueur seulement dans les ateliers organisés et est considéré de nature préliminaire, puisque votre comité de négociations a l'intention d'ajouter d'autres ateliers à la liste de ceux qui sont mentionnés dans le contrat original, qui est pour une période de deux ans, expirant le 20 janvier 1959.

La signature de cette convention a créé une situation sans précédent, puisque sous les termes de ce contrat nos membres qui y sont couverts recevront 14 cts de l'heure de plus que les employés travaillant pour des ateliers qui ne sont pas organisés, c'est à dire non-reconnus de l'union; cette situation est due au fait que les amendements contenus dans la convention n'ont pas été incorporés dans le décret relatif à notre métier.

Pour le bénéfice des nos membres et d'autres qui ne sont pas familiers avec l'interprétation de la Loi des Conventions Collectives dans la Province de Québec; suivant cette Loi, certain amendements à une convention (salaries-etc) agréés entre patrons et ouvriers peuvent être extensionnés par Un Ordre en Conseil Provincial (Décret) pour s'appliquer à tous les patrons et ouvriers dans la même localité pour l'industrie concernée; c'est ce qui est fait d'habitude pour tous les métiers du bâtiment et notre union locale cette année a la distinction d'être la première exception au règlement . . .

L'espace qu'on nous réserve dans cette colonne ne nous permet pas d'élaborer davantage et de vous expliquer les raisons et circonstances qui ont résultés d'une telle situation qui est un peu ambiguë pour nos membres et qui l'est certainement plus encore pour quelques-uns de

nos patrons, mais qui néanmoins sera une amélioration pour le futur. Votre comité espère compléter les négociations d'ici la fin de février pour les autres items de la convention et une copie complète sera alors disponible pour tous et chacun.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P.S.

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Overall Construction Picture Called Good

L. U. 575, PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.—Enclosed is a picture of Local 575 members and visiting Brothers now manning the Detroit Steel job in New Boston. Patterson-Emerson-Comstock of Pittsburgh is the prime contractor and holding the electrical contract. The expansion has been underway since 1950 and has employed many of our members. Plans are now being made for future improvements that will bring the mill in the class of the best enabling them to compete for a larger market.

Pictured, standing, left to right are: Tingle, Armstrong, Patterson, Danehe, Cyrus, Jordan, Wilson, Strang, Cox, Snyder, R. Evans, Davis, Beckett, Kitts, Hendricks, Tipton, Richter, Harry, Singer, Manley, Pozzo, Mills, Wilke, Imes, S. Evans. Kneeling, left to right: Kitchen, Hopkins, Semones, Skidmore, Martin, J. Stewart, Sr., Riggs, J. Stewart, Jr., Mills, Hickman, Hamilton, Warren, Keyser. Absent at the time were: Wedebrook, Addiss, Jay Wilson. Homer Adkins, the photographer of this picture is also a L. U. 575 member on the job.

We now have 88 L. U. 575 members and 40 visiting Brothers employed in the territory and prospects for continued work through the winter look good. Housing construction has fallen off but is expected to increase in the spring. The overall picture for large construction in 1957 is good and smaller construction is expected to increase proportionately. Many of the schools in the territory

Long-Term Project in Ohio



Members of Local 575, Portsmouth, Ohio, are manning the Detroit Steel Project there. Full identification is given in their local's letter.

Take Part in State Convention



Part of the delegation to the Mississippi Electrical Workers' Convention in Meridian. From left, seated: Bilbo, Local 903; Holloway, 733; Beckham, 1493; Round, 1317. Standing: Rogers, 1575; Stuart, 917; Erby, 733; Roberts, 852; Thompson 985, and Shaffer, 605. The photo was submitted by Local 605, Jackson, Miss.

are being remodeled or replaced keeping a goodly number of our members busy.

Sears-Roebuck started to introduce a plan for selling new service equipment and installation at a given price but B. A. Batterson was able to nip the plan in the bud and straighten the work up with amicable understanding.

We have received many compliments from the community on our new home. Our policy is to make our facilities available to any worthy group, a contributing factor to good community relations.

THOMAS DEE SEMONES, P.S.

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Communication From Brother In Ft. Lauderdale

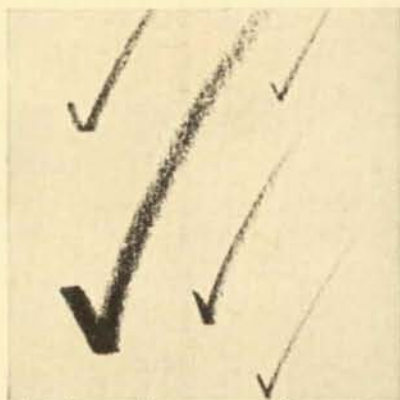
L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—Recently we had a nice communication from Brother D. M. (Red) Galloway, who has been a member of L. U. 605, for many years and is now working in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He says: "Work is plentiful here. I am with the Betchel Construction Company, on a power plant job as general foreman over the substations. Quite a few of the fellows that you know are here." For his friends who wish to drop him a line the address is 4160 S. W. 23 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. We are very happy to hear from you Brother Galloway, and may your future be prosperous.

Brother Vernie Rawls, was back with us for a short time recently. He ran a crew on the Shield Wire job up at Leland, Mississippi. He says that during the last three years he has worked in the following Locals, 2, 9, 53, 104, 309, and that in those locals he met and worked with some

very fine people, to whom he sends his best regards. Seems as how you are getting to be quite a boomer, Vernie, however, we think you should at least pay your home local a visit once very year or two.

We attended the Mississippi Electrical Workers Association Convention, Meridian, Mississippi, December 15, 1956—Brothers T. G. Beckham, president and G. L. Round, secretary and treasurer. This was a very informative gathering, was well conducted and we are sure it served the purpose very well for which it was created. It is a pleasure to be with you again.

J. W. RUSSELL, P.S.



You know those rare days when everything checks? Air smells good. Food tastes terrific. Even the old face looks good in the mirror. Today can be that kind of day. Just do two things. Call your doctor for a thorough medical checkup for cancer. Then write out a check—a nice fat one—to the American Cancer Society, and send it to "Cancer" in care of your local Post Office.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



Brothers Moore and Winnigham of Local 605.

Outlines Circumstances Of Va. Strike Action

L. U. 637, ROANOKE, VA.—After six weeks negotiating with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, (a subsidiary of the American Gas and Electric Company), to stop the power company's engineers from testing and energizing electric circuits and equipment, at the Glen Lyn plant's new addition, now under construction—we were willing to compromise to have an electrician to work with the engineers. The electricians have not tested or even talked out any cable or circuits.

Now the American Gas and Electric Company is to install two of the world's largest generators in Ohio and Indiana. They are also building a new plant at Carbo, Virginia, for the AEPSCO. As precedent is the deciding element in settling disputes, you see we didn't have a selfish interest. We wanted Electrical work for Electricians.

We have negotiated a two-year contract with the National Electrical Contractor's Association, Roanoke chapter, for the following increases: 12½ cents April 1, 2½ September 3, and 15 cents for April 1, 1958.

We were happy to read in our daily newspaper of the election of Mr. Davis H. Elliot of the Davis H. Elliot Electric Company, to the Presidency of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Elliot is a person of great charm and dignity, and a friend of the electrical workers. Congratulations Mr. Elliot! We of 637 wish you a successful term as president.

The linemen will be pleased to learn the "E" Board has re-appointed Brother Pendleton to the Examining Board.

S. M. TEMPLETON, P.S.

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Chester Local Marks Eighteenth Birthday

L. U. 654, CHESTER, PA.—After an absence of some years as press correspondent for L. U. No. 654, I am pleased to again accept this assign-

In Jurisdiction of Local 712



Local 712 wiremen V. Weber and A. Thompson (left to right), working on one of the air-conditioning control boards of Northern Lites Shoppers City job.



Front row, left to right: G. Yarowey and B. Christner of Local 712; O. Mitchell, 932; K. Sohn, Local 712. Second row: W. Magby, Local 619; P. Windish, Local 712; W. Cambell, Local 619; M. Lusk, Local 700, and B. Elliott, Local 379. These men are working on the new hospital being erected in Aliquippa, Pa.

ment from our President, Robert W. Stephens.

We will to the best of our limited ability try to make our letters worthwhile and interesting to our own as well as to all the members.

It is now, as always, our opinion that THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL is the leading journal of the Labor field; and it is also our opinion still that our members can benefit greatly from the written material between the covers.

Since last writing for the JOURNAL, many able correspondents have come forth to replace those who have stepped on to the sidelines. It is this system of follow-up that keeps our JOURNAL the leader.

Our local union will celebrate a birthday on February 23. On that date our charter will be 18 years old, young as compared to those installed back in the years prior to the turn of the century.

It is to those hardy pioneers we owe the conditions under which we are working today. Without the sacrifices made by these men of vision, we dread to think where thousands of us who fortunately are members of the Brotherhood would be today.

They paved the way for us and those that follow to become trained in a field that has opportunities not even surpassed by the professions.

Our Apprenticeship Training program and system is one that calls for the highest praise to those members who have formulated it and have made it produce its outstanding results.

When members of the IBEW and the NECA continue to be willing to devote their time at no cost, to the training of our apprentices (who, incidentally, they are training to eventually take their places), there is no cause for us (old timers) to worry about the future of the Brotherhood.

Again, let me say, all these things we owe to those pioneers of vision and courage.

We are sure, in the scheme of things, that they are enjoying their just rewards.

JAMES A. DOUGHERTY, P.S.

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Death Claims Two Of Indiana Local 697

L. U. 697, GARY AND HAMMOND, IND.—I regret to write this letter for the reason that I am telling of the deaths of two of our most popular members, Brothers William J. Knoth and Earl Riggins.

A la Robin Hood



Brother Ole Knight of Local 697, Gary and Hammond, Ind., poses with a handsome buck deer and the trusty bow and arrow that felled him.

Brother Knoth died suddenly and his passing was and still is a shock to all of us. It is hard for us to adjust ourselves to the fact that never again will we see his smiling face or listen to his gentle humor. He was one of our two surviving charter members. Frank Seliger is the lone survivor now.

"Billy," as we knew him, was the type of man that one could value as a friend. A union man all of his life, he was always so proud of his union membership and after he retired helped organize our 25-Year Service Club of Local 697 and served continuously as recording secretary. It is his interest in our club that has helped make it so successful.

Brother Knoth is survived by his wife, Bessie, two sons, Robert and James, three daughters, Muriel, Eleanor and Betty, 12 grandchildren, two brothers and one sister.

Brother Earl Riggins was taken by a heart attack. Earl was 55 years of age. He is survived by his wife and I believe a son and a daughter. He lost one son in battle during the war and I know the shock of it was a great trial to him.

He was a very kind, considerate man, the sort of man who was a buddy that one could be glad to have as a working partner.

We have been very unfortunate in that we have lost so many of our long-time members over the last two-year period. The boys who kept old 697 alive through the hard years of the past, have been leaving us never to return.

On the evening of February 4, all of our members in meeting assembled, wrote individual letters of protest to our state Senators and Representa-

tives in Indianapolis voicing our intense opposition to the infamous "Right-to- (wreck)-Work" law that one of our "corn-fed" statesmen from down state is trying to push through the Indiana legislature.

We feel that it cannot pass; but we cannot sit still and do nothing about it. This bird who is trying to put this law over has probably sounded the death knell to any future political ambitions that he may be trying to build up.

Union labor can swing a mighty big club in Indiana and it is about time that some of our petty statesmen realized this fact.

I enclose a photograph of one of our members, Brother Ole Knight and the big buck deer that he killed with bow and arrow. Some of his friends have insinuated that the deer had been raised as a pet on a diet of apples and grain. We do not think this is true as Brother Knight is the sort of a guy who would give a deer a sporting chance.

H. B. FELTWELL, P.S.

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Large Projects Progress In New Brighton Area

L. U. 712, NEW BRIGHTON, PA.—I would like to bid everyone a cheery, "hello." The new year promises to be a prosperous one for our members as we have many jobs under construction. The atomic power plant job at

Shippingport is coming along fine. We have several large projects underway at the Aliquippa works of the Jones and Laughlin Corporation. Our local contractors are very busy and have quite a bit of work ahead.

Enclosed you will find two photographs showing two local wiremen on one of the intricate air-conditioning control boards on the Northern Lites Shoppers City job. The other shows all of the men working at the new hospital being erected in Aliquippa. They are under the supervision of Brother Bud Christener, who is the general foreman and Ken Sohn, who is the subforeman.

In our last agreement, we received a 20-cent-an-hour raise. We also benefited in other ways.

Our bad news concerns the death of Brother John Jarrett, who was our former president. He had been ill for the past two years. We miss him very much as he was one of our strongest leaders for the advancement of unionism. His record while in office was one to be envied, as he always worked towards the day when we all would have no fear of want. His spirit will remain with us forever.

MARTY M. TEMPERANTE, P. S.

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Outlines Terms of New Reading Agreement

L. U. 743, READING, PA.—Since sending in our last report to the

JOURNAL, our Negotiating Committee headed by Business Manager Frank Hittner, successfully negotiated, with approval of our contractors, a 15-cent hourly rate was agreed on as follows: On the 1st of April, 7½ cents per hour would go into effect, and on October 1st an additional 7½ cents would also go into effect. The increase was enjoyed by all the members of L. U. 743. We found out however, that during the past year the cost of living has been greater than the increase in wages, and that is the lagging factor.

At our last regular meeting, a resolution was placed in the minutes that the Negotiating Committee be instructed, and that letters be sent to all union contractors, for reopening our negotiations on new wage agreements for 1957, also for other changes that we are asking in our new contract, concerning house wiring, of new homes and rewiring of old houses. We still feel the effects of the last steel strike. Several construction jobs have been started, now are stalled, due to lack of construction steel. Predictions are that these jobs will not break until summer. We are thanking our neighboring unions for using and placing our members while work has been slow in our jurisdiction. We bow towards Allentown, Pennsylvania, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Norristown, Pennsylvania and Wilmington, Delaware.

We are hoping more of our mem-

Wire New Department Store



Shown during construction of the new Sears-Roebuck store at Shillington, Pa., are, left to right, front row: Mel Hymes, Local 743; Pete Kaminski, Local 743; Paul Greis, Local 686, Hazelton; Milt Popp, Local 743; Emmet Quirk, Local 686; Pat Quirk, Local 686; Bill Higo, foreman, Local 743. Back row: Gus Geir, Local 686; Joe J. Jarmoska, Local 743; Ira Derr, Local 743; Charles Nye, Local 743; Frank Yekaitis, Local 686; Pat Doyle, Local 743; Walter Rhoades, general foreman, Local 743; Donald Brant, Local 743; Gene Noll, foreman, Local 743; Clancy Jones, Local 840, Geneva, N. Y.

bers will think more seriously of our local union affairs. Every member has a voice, why not use it. Attend your union meetings, participate in union activities. Let's all make an effort to interest ourselves for the benefit of all the Brothers of the IBEW. Enclosed is a photo of the Brothers who worked on the new Sears-Roebuck job in Shillington, Pennsylvania. The photo was taken by Brother Bill Higo.

During the past year we lost one of our good members. After a long lingering illness Paul Murphy passed away. Old "Murph" will be missed by all who have known him. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Our wish for the membership of I.B.E.W for 1957 is, GOOD GOING.

JOE J. JARMOSKA, P.S.

New Armory Planned For Tennessee University

L. U. 760, KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Once again I would like to tell you what is taking place around Knoxville. For one thing it is slow at present. And we have quite a few Brothers working out of town.

Of course we still have a good job going down at Loudon, Tennessee. The job steward said there were still 79 men on the job, and we still have quite a few small small jobs going here in town.

Alcoa Aluminum Plant has let two more small contracts out on the Chilhowee Dam project. One is a small line job, the other one is on the generators. The general contract went to Tennessee Armature and the switch house contract has not been let as yet.

Well, I would like to say that at last we are going to get a new armory at the University of Tennessee and then U. T. can seat around 7,500 people at their basketball games,—space which they have needed for a long time. The cost of this new armory will run from 1,300,000 to 1½ million dollars.

Broadway Electric was low bidder for this contract, so Brother Rodney Napier who did Broadway Shopping Center has gotten another good contract.

The small picture I am sending this month is of Brother Terry Newman on the left and Brother Fred Fox on the right. They are installing some over-head lights in the communication room for T.V.A. and the other one is a group of the boys out at Oak Ridge. Brothers M. C. Gore, F. A. Dodd, D. G. Porter and W. H. Poole, Jr., of the line crew and Kestel England and J. L. Watkins of the High Voltage Test Crew are working together in replacing insulators and lightning arresters on this 154,000 volt to 13,800 volt, 20,000 K. W.

Scenes from Local 760



These shots of men at work come from Local 760, Knoxville, Tenn., are fully described in their accompanying letter.



Transformer at the Atomic Energy installation, Y-12 Plants, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The fine relationship in working together as a team is highly responsible for them doing a better job. So let me leave this thought with you—we all belong to the I.B.E.W. so let us continue to work together and we will be able to do a much better job. Also, let me thank each of you for the nice letters you wrote me.

C. H. GARRETT, P.S.

Geneva Work Prospects Termed Very Encouraging

L. U. 840, GENEVA, N. Y.—The prospects for work for this year remain very encouraging throughout the Geneva area. Of course, this makes our electricians happy, knowing "work is like yeast; it raises the dough."

At the time of this writing, our business agent, Charles Theise, is vacationing in Florida, as is also, George Johnson. With this Alaskan weather we have been experiencing lately, many of us have had the urge to pack up and join them by going "that-a-way."

Congratulations to the Roy Lilyeas' on being blessed with a son. I can bet he will be another prospect for an electrician. That will be his aim if he follows in the tracks of his father and grandfather.

Harold Shaw has become the general foreman of Blake Electric Company. I extend my congratulatory phrases his way. I'm sure his foresight and ambition have won him this title.

That concludes the news from our local for January. So, again I run along and leave you with something to think over. "A man should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends."

So long for now from Geneva.

LEE R. BLAKE, P.S.

Staged Yule Party for Chattanooga Orphans

L. U. 846, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—On December 20, 1956, L. U. 846 IBEW, sponsored a Christmas party with all the trimmings, for 55 children of the Bonny-Oaks Orphanage. The party was financed by solicitations from the membership and from the public. The Local Union's party committee selected a gift for each child and along with this gift went another gift of clothing. A program was planned that included games, a tree-decorating contest, and best of all the amateur contest. These children showed themselves to have a wide range of talent and ingenuity particularly in the tree decorating and vocal lines. I might add that these children came without a chaperon and were very well behaved. I would like to thank our members and many friends, who by their generous contribution of time and money, helped make this party possible. The music for this party was donated by Musician's Local Union No. 80 through their Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry.

CLARENCE E. HARRIS, P.S.

Congratulations on Harmonious Council Meet

L. U. 896, MACON, GA.—The System Council of the Operating Companies of the Southeast met in Jackson, Mississippi during December. Good reports of harmonious relations were given at this meeting. A salute to Local 605 Jackson, Mississippi, the host Local! Everyone was well pleased and appreciated your hard work in seeing that the Council was cared for so well.

A notice was sent to the Georgia Power Company, Atlanta, Georgia, by International Representative, Brother

Brighten Christmas for Orphans



Fifty-five youngsters from the Bonny-Oaks Orphanage in Chattanooga, Tenn., were royally entertained at a Christmas party by Local 846 and received exciting gifts from the local.

Wager, that negotiations could get underway on wages and Insurance after January 15, 1957. We are looking forward for a fruitful negotiation with a great harmonious relation. So members stand behind our committee. Give them all the help they so vitally need. Brothers H. W. Gurley and J. E. Crutchfield were originally elected to serve on the committee, but due to the promotion of Brother Crutchfield, a substitute will have to take his place. May we wish a long continued success for Bro. Crutchfield from Local 896.

January finds Local 896 in negotiations, along with five other local unions, with the Georgia Power Company, on whose properties the above locals hold jurisdiction. We are just negotiating on wages and insurance this year. Of course every one can use a little more in the pay envelope and a better insurance program.

The response to some information sheets that were sent out to the members was very gratifying. There were a large number of members whose Death Benefit Certificates needed changing and the birthdate was wrong for just a very few. Taking care of these matters is very important, and any time you need help on these matters, please let us know.

We are happy to have had the attendance of Brother K. M. Teel at one of our January meetings. He is doing fine and looks real well to us. We still have a reserved spot in our hearts for Brother Teel. Also, Brother R. L. Moore brought a carfull from our Brunswick, Georgia Unit. We are always happy to welcome out of town members to our meetings. Of course Brother Emfinger could inspire some of the boys at Jackson to come in, maybe. But if the boys won't ride down with you, we will still be just as happy to have you. Brother Greene and a lot of other faces we have known in the past are being seen in our midst. It sure looks good

to see some interest in our meetings. We are looking forward to a large increase in our attendance. So welcome to all our members, come on in and help us.

Brother D. L. Warn has been appointed shop steward at Plant Mcmanus to replace Brother E. G. Copelin, Jr., who was transferred to Plant Arkwright.

Remember to be safe on and off the job. It's your responsibility to be the safest person at home, at play, and on the job. So, until next we come your way, may God Bless each of you.

E. D. FARR, P.S.

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Cites Losses Due to Deaths of Members

L. U. 910, WATERTOWN, N. Y.—We present a resume of some events which took place in 1956. First we want to report the death of Albert Norton, one of our oldest members, initiated September 1, 1920, who

passed away at his home in St. Louis, Missouri, October 7, 1956. Al had been ill for past four or five years. He was a member of L. U. 181, Utica, New York, also of L. U. 204, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, but for the longest period he was a member of L. U. 910. He served on the "E" Board in years past and was very much interested in the affairs of the local. We deeply regret his passing. May God rest his Soul.

We also want to refer to the death of Mike Walsh, a truly great labor organizer, in September, 1956. Mike served an a International A. F. L. Organizer for a good many years. His home was in Utica, New York. In past years he was of great assistance to locals in this area, and had much to do with the organizing of the Watertown Federation of Labor. Mike was the principal speaker at Local 910's banquet in June. One thing we all liked about Mike, his speech was loud and clear, also to the point. Au revoir! Mike, we shall miss you.

Last June, we secured a ten-cent raise for journeymen, five-cents for Foremen. Our motor repair shopmen got 15-cents across the board, besides a new vacation plan.

Our annual banquet, held June 9, at Ogdensburg, New York, was largely attended and a very good time was enjoyed by all. For the first time in many years, L. U. 910 men are working in their own back yards, mostly on the Seaway and Power jobs. With winter here, (minus 18 degrees here), all contractors are cutting costs to the bone, and some right into the marrow. There are big layoffs and a five-day week. However, the future looks bright in Northern New York. The peak for journeymen will come in the fall of 1957.

Starting spring of 1957, Local 910 will require a large number of men. Write Donald Eldridge, Assistant Business Manager, Local 910, IBEW,

Late Organizer Spoke



This was a scene at the recent banquet of Local 910, Watertown, N. Y., where the late International AFL-CIO Organizer Mike Walsh was the principal speaker. Full identification is given in the local's letter.

Local 1028 at Day-Brite Lighting



Members of Local 1028, Tupelo, Miss., are seen with officials of the Day-Brite Lighting Co., where they work. At left, is the company entrance. Center: Manager C. R. Godwin and office workers, from left, Dot Tate, Kathryn Langley and Ann Cheek. Right: Local Executive Board member Lamar Coker; Recording Secretary Charles Elliott; President Mayfield Riley; Financial Secretary Dennis Malone, and Executive Board member Daron Addington.



Left: The A. W. P. department with Sam Creely, Lamar Coker, Superintendent Welhoelter and Largus Lamb. Center: Local Treasurer Fabon Boatner and Charter Member Raymond Wade, one of the company's senior employees. Right: J. T. Garrison and W. W. Robinson in the paint department.

197 Stone Street, Watertown, New York, for full information.

The Aluminum Company of America, at its Massena works has broken ground and is now driving piles for foundations on its new \$25,000,000 expansion program. The Reynolds Aluminum Company has options on 1700 acres of land, five miles East of Massena, for a reduction plant. They anticipate an allotment of 200,000 K.W. of Power from the new International Powerhouse. They also are negotiating for a fabricating plant, adjacent to their plant.

The New York Power Authority has granted this allotment but the final approval has to come from Governor Harriman.

Yes, we believe that the future years, in Northern New York, "look exceeding bright."

In the enclosed banquet photo are, reading left to right: Reverend G. O. Wright; Lee Stanford, AFL-CIO Organizer; Charles Ferguson, L. U. 910, President; Michael Walsh, AFL-CIO Organizer; Nick Ferrante, Deputy Comm. of Labor, Syracuse Dist.; Nick Valentine, N. Y. State Labor Dept., Toastmaster; Francis LaMora, Member "E" Board, Banquet Chairman; Walter H. Maxium, L. U. 910, Business Manager; Reverend Father Whittaker.

W. E. "BUCK" BAILEY, P.S.

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Excellent Growth of Tupelo Local Reported

L. U. 1028, TUPELO, MISS.—This is our first attempt at sending any news to the JOURNAL, but we think that some of the things that happen around this section may be of interest to our fellow members.

We have been organized as a local union almost nine years, since April 1, 1948, and we have made quite a bit of progress in that time. Our membership has grown from 25 charter members to almost 350 and we believe it will continue to grow in the near future. Our agreement is with Day-Brite Lighting, Inc., one of the top producers of Fluorescent lighting fixtures in the United States, with plants in St. Louis, Missouri, Tupelo, Mississippi and Santa Clara, California. This company has a good record in its relations with its employees, who are all, (production, maintenance), members of the I.B.E.W.

The production rate and quality of the fixtures manufactured here indicate, contrary to some reports, that the people of the deep south have the skill and ability to turn out first class products in the manufacturing field. They are also good union members.

All production and maintenance employees of the Tupelo plant are members of the local union, in spite of a "Right-to-Work" law.

Day-Brite recently completed an addition to the plant here costing 500,000 dollars, making it possible to double the work force and membership of the local.

The officers of the L. U. are very active in all phases of union work and are also active in Civic and Community affairs, which helps to create better public relations so necessary to the continued growth of our organization. There will be more plants, coming under the jurisdiction of the I.B.E.W., built in this area in the near future and we plan to help organize them.

Present officers of the Local Union are: Business Manager, E. B. Flynn; President, Mayfield Riley; Vice President, Aaron Burrough; Financial secretary, Dennis Malone; Recording Secretary, Charles Elliott; Treasurer, Fabon Boatner. Executive Board: Daron Addington, Nolen Moore, Lamar Coker, Carl Loftin. Labor Relations Board: Henry Witcher, Cortez Rushing. Department Stewards: Delmer Vinson, Marvin Lindsey, Byron Gains.

Our members appreciate the very fine editorials and news items each

month in the JOURNAL, we believe it is the best labor magazine being published today, and we will continue to study it and send in items of news about Local Union 1028.

E. B. FLYNN, B.M.

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Woonsocket Local's Annual Holiday Party

L. U. 1029, WOONSOCKET, R.I.—Again this year, this local held its annual Christmas party at a fine eating place called the Embassy Club, here in Woonsocket. The food at this place is very good and reasonable.

This year's speakers were Adolfo DiSandro, chairman of the Rhode Island State Board of Examiners of Electricians and also owner of Electric Service and Sales, Inc., in Woonsocket; Tony Valois of Valois Electric Company; Leon LeMay of LeMay Electric Company; George Savageau of Savageau Electric Company; John Villiard, who represented Electric Maintenance and Engineering Company; Herbert Nutting and Raymond St. Onge, managers of the Electric Service and Sales, Inc.; and a retired member whom we hadn't seen in a long time, Ralph Nutting, our former financial secretary. Eugene Coupe, a charter member was also present and spoke briefly.

Our business representative, Michael Dolinski, who was master of ceremonies, introduced the speakers and guests to the large gathering and then introduced our President Kenny Walsh to the Brothers (as if he needed an introduction). Anyway a grand time was had by all and quite a few of the members will remember this party.

On the serious side for a moment, Local 1029 and business agents of the Carpenters and Painters, with representatives of the Woonsocket Firefighters Organization, met with the Woonsocket City Council, the lawmakers for Woonsocket, to iron out differences of opinions concerning the use of city personnel (firemen and fire alarm personnel) on odd jobs in public streets and buildings. Here in Woonsocket for the past few years firemen and fire alarm personnel were compelled to do carpentry, painting and electrical construction work in public buildings. Our crafts stated that many of the members had to find work on the outside due to this and are opposing the administration in the use of city personnel on these types of jobs. We believe that through this meeting a better understanding of labor and its crafts was achieved. We hope most of this work will be offered out in bids next year and our crafts will benefit. We are going to fight this again and again, until the administration sees our side of the issue.

How about it Brother members of organized labor, let's go union label by buying union label goods. By asking for and buying the union label, you will be helping fellow members who manufacture these goods, and by doing that, your non-union manufacturer and his workers will suffer by a decline in the sale of his goods. If all members of organized labor would do this, there wouldn't be too much trouble organizing the unorganized.

Once again a reminder to the members. Please attend your local union meetings. What occurs at these meetings is your business and you should be there to voice an opinion for or against. So come on Brothers, and make these meetings your union business. Don't let the other members do it all. Show them that you are interested in all matters by appearing at these meetings. Your union is only as strong as you make it.

EDWARD WYSPANSKI, P. S.

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Details of Educational Assistance Program

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—A National Electric Educational Assistance program has been established to assist the company employees in furthering their education, and notices have been posted throughout the plant. All you women and men who desire to advance yourselves into key positions select your course which you believe will advance you in your present work or possibly in future work. One-half of the tuition will be refunded by the company after a statement is received from the school that you have successfully passed the course and the tuition fee and other costs have been paid by you in full. You must be on the company payroll at the time reimbursement is due. For additional information see the Education Assistance Committee personnel office, Ambridge.

Electrical contractors, notice! With the National Electrical Educational program in full swing, better I.B.E.W. union made electrical products are made as always at the National Electric in Ambridge.

Brownie (Rags) McClaster, machine shop, is getting in the class with the Scotchmen. He now drives a 1957 Studebaker.

Earl Scraf, rubber mill, will soon join up. He had his engagement (to Katherine Prokop of Ambridge) announced. No wedding date set.

Leonard Pushinsky, stranding department, had Leonard, Jr., added to the family on December 13th. It happens that his daughter, Joyce, also has December 13th as her birthday. Congratulations!

Walter Kleemook, Executive Board member, was elected president of

Ukrainian W.B.U. Lodge in Ambridge.

Louis Cvetnich, stranding department, was elected trustee of the Croatia Lodge of Rochester.

If you are thirsty we have plenty of part-time bartenders. From the testers there is Joe Sawanski of Ukrainian Lodge, 5th Street. There are George Rushman and Emil Urban, U.N.A. Lodge, 6th Street and Tony Ordonas, synthetic operator, Lithuanian Lodge, 8th Street. And then there is Leo Spolarich who is also a synthetic machine operator and a fill-in bartender at Frank's Grill, 14th and Duss Avenue, Ambridge. For the coming summer months you should know where to quench your thirst.

JOHN GOZUR, P.S.

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Impressive Start for Local 1141 Auxiliary

L. U. 1141, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—I want to offer this space in recognition of Local 1141's newly-formed ladies auxiliary. They have made an impressive start.

Some of the objects include working with the IBEW to encourage the use of union labor, encouraging the demand for union made goods, and helping to organize workers of every trade.

The auxiliary will meet twice a month with a charter membership of 27. Officers elected and installed are Mrs. Sim Delaney, president; Mrs. John Surbeck, first vice president; Mrs. Ed Stevens, second vice president; Mrs. Ben Lee, third vice president; Mrs. Clark Lewis, fourth vice president; Mrs. Henry Wilmoth, secretary; and Mrs. Ted Porter, treasurer. The Executive Board members include Mrs. Raymond Duke, Mrs. J. W. Duren and Mrs. Lanon New.

A pie supper was held in November and a Christmas party in December, both with good results. The auxiliary is now working on a polio project. Lots of luck, girls!

This area's work picture is still exceptionally good this month, with everyone working steadily. And there is considerable work in prospect. This bright picture was tempered, however, by Brother Gordon M. Freeman's observation in his editorial "Where Electricity Goes," when he said that locals who have not controlled the small jobs and residential work in the past few years, "may wake up in the middle of a recession to find that the only kind of electrical work available is small work and house wiring."

Business Manager Raymond Duke announced the start of a short course in electrical controls. We also hope to inaugurate an electronics school in the near future in keeping with the increasing demands for electronic controls.

Our proposed committee, Brothers John Southall, Rich Ashmore, "Wimpy" Wilmoth, Otto Stevens and Posie Hubbard, brought back to the floor for final voting a good set of proposals. A majority of the proposals were accepted as written, showing the unity of the membership behind the proposals. We have struck out twice previously on a vacation negotiation. Let's hope we hit a four-bagger this year as everyone is solidly behind the vacation idea.

The local Credit Union notified all members that the annual business meeting would be held in the hall, Friday, January 26th. Plans were made for a buffet supper at 6:30 (people usually call it a buffet supper when they don't have enough chairs to go around). Following the supper it was planned to have the business meeting and then the entertainment. "They went thattaway" movies and cartoons were to be shown in the basement for the youngsters.

In his last newsletter, business manager Raymond Duke observes that the records reveal that a very small percentage of our total membership is attending meetings. These few are passing bylaws, negotiating wages and electing officers for the whole membership. Even though the hall is quite full there is always a way to get more in, so all you members who make an annual pilgrimage to the hall see if you can't make it a semi-annual affair.

The 12-million-dollar Ada cement plant job was awarded to Sacks Electric Company, St. Louis. Work is scheduled to start in March. Business Manager Raymond Duke says no additional help is needed at this time to man the job.

We are proud to be the host city for the Seventh District IBEW-NECA joint progress meeting to be held in Oklahoma City, April 1, 2, 3 and 4.
RAY JOHNSON, P.S.

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Pays Tribute to Savannah Linemen

L. U. 1208, SAVANNAH, GA.—We would like to talk about our IBEW linemen. These are the skilled IBEW workmen who channel the "juice" into the line supplying every consumer of electricity. These men string the lines and install the transformers wherever power is needed. These men also handle all the trouble calls on the line whether in rain, storm, sleet or snow. These men are also called at all times of the night to repair a line or change a transformer. The linemen perform their job which is important, complicated, hazardous and dangerous. These men must oftentimes work long hours in an uncomfortable position. They are often called on to work on live or energized

Your Chance

With doubt and dismay you are smitten,
You think there's no chance for you, son?
Why, the best books haven't been written,
The best race hasn't been run,
The best score hasn't been made yet,
The best song hasn't been sung,
The best tune hasn't been played yet;
Cheer up, for the world is young!
No chance? Why, the world is just eager
For things that you ought to create.
Its store of true wealth is still meager,
Its needs are incessant and great;
Don't worry and fret, faint-hearted,
The chances have just begun;
For the best jobs haven't been started,
The best work hasn't been done.

BERTON BRALEY



lines. Yes, they have rubber gloves and hose to cover up with but sometimes it is not possible to have a complete cover up.

Sometimes their hacks cut out and they may fall 50 or 60 feet to the ground. A pole may break or fall and again many times the lineman is injured.

A few months ago the S. E. and P. Company changed the dimension on the buckarm from 36 inches on the primary and 48 inches on the neutral to 24 inches on the primary and 30 inches on the neutral. Any lineman knows that this is not a comfortable or safe position in which to work.

It is our understanding that the average life span of a journeyman lineman is 15 to 20 years. Promotions are few for the lineman. He is what you might call "dead-end." We think the lineman should be upgraded 25 to 50 percent.

It is not our intention to detract from our many members who are repairmen, wiremen and cable splicers. But these men can work longer at their jobs than the lineman.

We would like to hear from some of the locals and linemen about this problem. Write to Mr. W. O. "Bill" Plunkett, business manager, Local Union 1208, P. O. Box 1155, Savannah, Georgia.

Attend union meetings regularly, and work and drive safely.

J. J. WALLACE, P.S.

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15-Year Service Pins Presented by Local

L. U. 1242, PROVIDENCE, R.I.—About 275 members and guests attended our annual Christmas party, which was held at the Riviera Cafe on December 22, 1956. On this occasion, President Vito Massarone pre-

Guest of Honor



Mrs. Florence Thompson, business manager, introducing Senator John O. Pastore at Local 1274's Christmas party in Warwick, R.I.

Cited for Service



Local 1242's president, Vito Massarone, presents a 15-years service pin to Albert Gallant at ceremonies in Providence, R.I.

sented five of our members with 15-year service pins. The honored Brothers were: Albert Gallant, Enrico Bertoncini, Charles Faria, Columbia Pascone and Pia Francesconi.

Dancing followed a delicious dinner with the holiday spirit prevailing throughout. Thanks to our committee for the great work!

Now a look back to June when elections were held in our local. Elected to a second term were: Business Manager Gus Rainone, President "Bucky" Massarone, Treasurer Florence Rosati, Recording Secretary Joseph Cabral. Newly-elected officers were Vice President Walter McDermott and Financial Secretary Fannie Rocchio, who has since been replaced by Agnes LaPine.

Our latest wage contract brought an increase of five to eight cents an hour, an additional holiday, family Blue Cross and physician service paid by the company, and other improved conditions. A study of pension plans is also to be made.

Our work force has been greatly increased in the past few months, and there is hope that a good year is in store for us.

SIMONNE BLANCHARD, P.S.

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Sen. Pastore Addresses Local 1274 Yule Party

L. U. 1274, WARWICK, R.I.—United States Senator John O. Pastore declared at Local 1274's Christmas party, December 15th, that "a wholesome community is based on a strong union." Speaking to about 500 guests and members of Local 1274 (employees of the Leviton Manufacturing Company) the Senator paid tribute to "the prestige, and the great dignity of the union movement in the United States."

In addition to Senator Pastore, Edwin C. Brown, secretary-treasurer of the Rhode Island Federation of Labor, and Francis X. Moore, Inter-

national Representative, spoke at the gathering.

Mistress of ceremonies was Mrs. Florence A. Thompson, president of the local. Chairman of the party was Herbert Barker.

The affair was the largest Christmas party in the history of the local. It was held at Club 400 in Natick. Included was a seven-course Italian dinner, dancing and entertainment.

Entertainers were: Lily Baker, Anne-Marie Dolan, Lorraine and Ronald Loescher, and Harold Sheegan.

All present had on their best party dress and party smile. Whenever we met anyone we had to take a second look in order to recognize any of them.

Congratulations to everyone on the committee for a wonderful turnout.

CLAIRE BOSSE, P.S.

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1306 Member is 4-H Blue Ribbon Winner

L. U. 1306, DECATUR, ILL.—We are sending a picture which is a sample of Champaign-Urbana Local 1306. The ribbon-winner is our Miss Mary Lou Wilson, shown with her 4-H project entry in the International Livestock Exposition held in November at Chicago, Illinois. Miss Wilson is quite a veteran in 4-H, as she has over 11 years in this work.

Out of 169 entries from the United States and Canada, this Shorthorn Senior calf, better known as "Bacon," took 4th prize for on-the-hoof judging, Champion, and Grand Champion Reserve over all breeds in carcass competition.

Dressed, the 610 lb. "Bacon" was

4-H Winner



Mary Lou Wilson of Local 1306, Decatur, Ill., proudly poses with the carcass of the reserve grand champion steer she raised and the first place blue ribbon.

sold to Armour and Co. of Chicago @ \$2.25 per lb. for Eisner's, a local chain store, and later was brought to Champaign for display and available for purchase. Talents are unlimited with this gal—she also is a gymnast, who placed 3rd in the National AAU competition in 1954. She, also, has won honors for trampoline work.

Mary Lou has been with Local 1306 for some two years and is employed by Illinois Power Company as a radio operator in the Service Department.

ERMA BALLARD,
Local Unit Recorder.

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Members Honored for Meritorious Service

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—And so my good friends, it is time for another get-together with you. In gathering my news for the past few weeks, I find that I happen to have a scoop as they say in the reporting field. So just keep on reading.

You will notice accompanying this letter, a photo or two of our officers and members being greatly honored and rewarded for meritorious acts in line of duty. You will see the proud smile of our financial secretary, Brother Horace E. Buckley, shown in the act of shaking hands with Captain V. E. Day, commanding officer, United States Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Maryland. Surrounding Brother Buckley is a group of electric shop employees, including Master Electrician Leroy Stegman (in the white shirt). A beneficial suggestion for improving the gyro battery installation aboard Coast Guard vessels won this award for Brother Buckley.

While I am on the subject, the next honors are bestowed upon Brothers Walter Young and Don Gorsuch (shaking hands with Captain V. E. Day). Brother Young is in the center. This photo was taken in front of the bulletin board (note charter). During a very severe rainstorm recently, Brothers Young and Gorsuch ventured out and took the necessary steps to protect some propulsion equipment from damage, hence the awards for meritorious services rendered beyond the regular call of duty.

From the meeting hall I can report progress. Brother George Burkhardt and his staff are really kept on their toes, so let's all attend the next meetings and be on our toes also.

From the "Here, There, and Everywhere" department, Brother Joe Featherston wishes to be remembered to his fellow workers in and around Washington, D. C.

Also I want to inform the fellow workers of the sudden passing away of Raymond F. Janowski on Monday, January 28, 1957. We were on the

Citations from the Coast Guard



From the hands of the commanding officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay, Md., Captain V. E. Day, Brother Horace E. Buckley received an official citation for meritorious acts in the line of duty.



Captain Day then bestowed similar honors on Brothers Walter Young and Don Gorsuch at the Coast Guard Yard.

same job. He will be missed by his many friends.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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Advice and News from Tallahassee Scribe

L. U. 1496, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.—Greetings from Local 1496, Tallahassee, Florida. As this article was written, we were celebrating the month of hearts—February... with Valentine's Day on the list. All you men out there... have you told your wife or the woman of your heart how much you love her... lately? If you haven't, it is high time you get down to business and remind that fair lady how much you really think of her. Also ladies this is for you too—Leap Year is passed... but... if you have already caught your man... remind him how important he really is and that you just couldn't get along without him... really... and let him know that you are glad you married him after all. As for you single girls... remind the man of your hour how much you think of him and that you could really love him even more if he gave you half

a chance... and perhaps make him a very good wife at that. As you read this article Valentine's Day will be over but the thoughts behind that day don't have to be over... make them a full time habit... it will pay big dividends in the end... and worth the extra effort too.

We would like to say WELCOME to all new members who have recently joined Local 1496. We hope you find everything in this local that you are looking for and more... and hope you enjoy the fellowship of being one of us here at Southeastern.

I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Pearl Wright, of the Accounting Department, in the recent loss of her brother. Also to the other unions in the loss of their loved ones as well as to those of our own company as well as union.

We are happy to hear George Sands is improving and we are looking forward to having him back on the job with us as soon as his doctor sees fit. George has been on the list—recovering from a heart attack.

We are expecting to begin negotiations any day now so union members, back the ones who are representing you and give them your full support... for I'll clue you... they will

"Toys for Tots" Drive



Gifts provided and wrapped by members of Local 1505, Waltham, Mass., brought bright rays of cheer to the Christmas of these unfortunate youngsters.

need it . . . for according to the officials they are scraping the bottom of the barrel before we get started . . . but this year we want the cream of the crop . . . right from the top . . . a nice raise that will make us realize we have a dime to call our own when all the bills are paid. Attend your meetings, speak up on your opinions, and do your best in everything.

In your readings of the latest good articles . . . did you read this one: A woman motorist was driving along a country road when she noticed a couple of repair men climbing a telephone pole. "Whatever are they doing that for?" she said, turning to her companion. "Surely my driving isn't that bad."

I know you men will agree on this one . . . always an interesting topic when you combine a woman and an automobile . . . even though most men will agree that the only thing you can be certain of is that the window is down when they see a woman give a signal—this can be reversed for the men too . . . you know.

Folks, for this month this is all the scoop but if you have something on your mind or heart that needs moving off—or some news that you would like others to know about . . . pass the buck along to me and we will tell the world about it.

See you next month . . . in the meantime—keep smiling!

HAZEL L. MATTHEWS, P.S.

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Generous Response to "Toys for Tots" Drive

L. U. 1505, WALTHAM, MASS.—Despite a blinding snowstorm, a good turnout of Local 1505 members at-

tended the monthly meeting in December at Metropolitan Hall, Brighton, Massachusetts.

After the meeting the membership enjoyed a Christmas party complete with Christmas tree, sandwiches, beverages, candy, etc. The feature of the evening was "The Great Marvello." Also included was an orchestra for dancing. A good time for all.

Local 1505 joined in a Christmas "Toys for Tots" drive this past holiday season. The generous response resulted in the distribution of over 2,000 toys to seven suburban hospitals, orphanages and institutions.

After several evenings of bundle wrapping the "Toys for Tots" caravan started out early on December 21. The Perkins Institute for the Blind was the first stop followed by the Haynes Memorial Hospital, Jimmy Fund wing of the Children's Hospital, Home for Little Wanderers, Peabody Home for Crippled Children, Walter E. Fernald State School and the Metropolitan State Hospital. Santa Claus was joyously greeted by over 1500 youngsters at these various locations. He was assisted at the Peabody Home for Crippled Children by President Edward J. McDonald and Business Manager Andrew A. McGlinchey. Darkness had set in before the last stop was made at the Children's Wing of the Metropolitan State Hospital. The members of the Committee wish to thank all who were so generous in their donations of both toys and money. They all wish that all the members might have witnessed the happiness and joy expressed by the youngsters on the arrival of Santa and the Caravan. Members of the Committee were Fred Newman, Art Costa, Jay Cammoretta, Ethel Reynolds, Jane Stevens, Ruth Tulis and Adeline Wall.

J. J. LAWLESS, P.S.

Severe Weather Affects Hanson Attendance

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—There were only 11 members at the regular monthly meeting this past week, but this time I won't lay the law down to you and bawl you out for not attending. The reason was that it was about zero degrees outside. In fact, it has been zero and well below for the past week here in Hanson. The meeting lasted only about an hour and a half. Everything must be going along fine for everyone concerned. Didn't hear a single gripe from any of our 140-odd members. Marie Perry won the door prize for the second time, and she deserves it. She attends about every meeting. Lately she has been trying to plow snow with that car of hers, but found out it is better at climbing.

This morning it was 21 degrees below zero around these parts. That is really cold! Some of the girls over at the fluorescent assembly room went home because it was like a barn over there. Can't blame them for that. Too bad something can't be done about this problem. Maybe a better heating system would be the answer???? Howard Holmes has departed from Wheeler's. He has taken some kind of a job on the road. Good luck from all of us, Howard. . . . Mike Cuzzo, known as "The Nose," in the incandescent press room has received his draft notice. Good luck, Mike! We'll sure miss your fun and laughter. Take care of yourself!

Louie Gaillardet was in the other day. He says he feels a little better after having treatments at the Quincy Hospital. We all hope to see you around soon, Louie . . . Esther has been welding again out in the fluorescent press room. Seems as though when Wheeler's gets in a hole out there, they call on Esther to help them out. Effie has been doing an excellent job there and has been for years. How about a raise, Jack? . . .

Frank Smith has gone on part time work after 44 years of work with us. He is well known to everybody in the plant and especially in the incandescent press room. He has done his job well and will continue to do so. Now he is watchman on weekends, but I'll bet he'll be called on to break in the new man on his past job. . . . Wish you people on the other side would give me some tidbits. Seems as though everything I write is all about the enamel room or the press rooms. Do help me please . . . Oh yes, Dolly Riddell's wife has just presented him with their second baby girl. Congratulations, Dolly.

The gossip has about run out for this month, but I'll try my best to dig up some more for you for next month, that is, unless Louie Z. de-

cided he would like the job. How about it Louie??

"SCOOP" SAYCE, P.S.

Certificates to Two Of Best Apprentices

L. U. 1531, ALBANY, GA.—A few weeks ago the Joint Apprenticeship Committee presented certificates to two new journeyman wiremen, Clarence M. Daniels and Eugene Fowler (see picture enclosed). Brother Fowler was unable to be present, as he is working out of town. These two young men are two of the best apprentices that we have turned out in some time and are doing fine as journeymen. We have about 12 apprentices indentured at the present time and our program is coming along nicely.

It is with sadness that I report the death of Brother Doc B. Brannon, who died December 3, 1956. Brother "Doc" as he was called, was working out of our jurisdiction at the time of his death. He was a young man, only 40 years of age and had been a member of this local union since October 10, 1951.

Our work situation is not too bright at this time. A few jobs are in the making but no definite date as to when they will begin. About half of our members are working away from home.

Our new officers are doing a fine job, especially our business manager, Brother Fred Hill, who is constantly on the go, doing his best for Local Union 1531.

Our Negotiating Committee did a good job and we have gotten an increase in pay, with two more raises to come. We got a 10 cent increase October 1, 1956, bringing our scale to \$2.80, and will get 10 cents April 1, 1957 and 10 cents October 1, 1957. This will bring our scale up to \$3.00 per hour, beginning October 1, 1957.

G. B. BRANDON, P.S.

Cites Good Conditions For Railroad Industry

L. U. 1631, HARMON, N. Y.—We hope that January begins another year as prosperous as last. We of the railroad industry are coming along fairly well into the realm of receiving good working conditions, better pay and better benefits. We achieved all this through the aid of unionism, from our hard working members, and through the leaders of this fine organization. It was just a very short time ago when rail workers worked 48 hours a week, had a low rate of pay, had no paid holidays, and obtained hospitalization wherever a member could pay for himself and his family. Today we enjoy the ever-

popular 40-hour week, paid holidays, a higher rate of pay, and hospitalization for ourselves and our dependents paid for by the company. There is more to be achieved for the rail worker and with the aid of our union and ourselves we will attain those needs.

It must be remembered though, that to receive one must also give. Now, in thinking along these lines perhaps our union members in all fields can help our cause by not only helping the railroad industry, but the railroad worker. In order for us to profit they must profit. I'm sure there have been many times when a man and his family or in his business has made a trip by automobile when he could have made the same trip by train at nearly the same cost and quite a bit more comfortably. The same probably holds true in shipping freight. There must be many times when you or your friends would find it more feasible to ship by the dependable rails, than by some other mode of transportation.

We of the railroad unions would appreciate any consideration you union members give to the thoughts that I have injected in this article.

To travel by rail and ship by rail will help the railroad companies, but most of all it will help your Brother members attain the benefits that some of you already receive.

HAROLD A. CIANO, R.S.

Huge Switchboard Built By Los Angeles Local

L. U. 1710, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Master craftsmen who fabricated one of the largest switchboards built in Southern California for some time are shown here in front of their

handiwork at the Zinsco Electrical Products shop in Los Angeles. Left to right, bottom row: Gordon Phelps, inspector; Herb Byrnes, draftsman; Rafael Meraz, assembler; Zbigniew Zielkiewicz, assembler; Daniel Brizendine, assembler; and Ted Mustill, fabricator. Ted is Local 1710's chief shop steward at Zinsco.

Back row: E. L. Brolin, engineer; Alois Maisenhalder, assembly leadman; Al Verme, production superintendent (and one of the first members of the Switchboard Unit of old Local 83, I.B.E.W., way back in the 1930's); William Valdez, assembler; Nick Proto, wireman (Nick has since been drafted by Howard Hughes for a top secret experimental project); Kalust Francev, assembler; James Doherty, assembler; Harvey "Whitey" Nelson, fabricator. (Whitey was a member of the Negotiating Committee this year). The board, which will go to Douglas Aircraft, is approximately 50 feet long; has two incoming 4000 amp. feeders with 4000 amp. main breakers and a 4000 amp. tie breaker; 480 volt, three phase service for sub breakers, 76 Cordon circuit breakers and four air circuit breakers; all breakers are draw out type.

At least 128 years of journeyman switchboard experience is represented in the group pictured, including time in shops in Europe, Asia, and South America. Many of our old time wiremen will be interested to know that Mr. Zinsmeyer, Sr., is still alive and healthy; although the three sons, Martin, Bill, and Dave have long since assumed complete charge. Since the old Zinsmeyer Company days (before the name was shortened to Zinsco) when there were less than a dozen employees in the little shop at Seventh and Mateo (it was the first union shop in the industry here), the com-

Albany, Georgia, Graduate



Members of the Electrical Apprenticeship Training Committee of the NECA, Local 1531 and Bureau of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor. From left to right: Jimmie Malone, Georgia Electric Co., G. B. Brandon; Clarence Daniels (Daniels is receiving his Certificate of Completion); H. G. Commegere, Commegere Electric Co., and Fred Hill, Business Manager of Local 1531, Albany, Ga.

Install Huge Switchboard



With justifiable pride, members of Local 1710, Los Angeles, Calif., pose before one of the largest switchboards ever constructed in that area. Their names are given in the press secretary's letter.

pany has grown so that the payroll numbers over 500.

Since the growing pains of the war years, the Company has assumed considerable stature with its advanced industrial relations planning. Our immediate ex-chief steward is now chief industrial engineer, and several of our other former stewards and committee members are now in various echelons of management. The program seems to be paying off. In spite of the current labor shortage, employee turnover has reached almost zero in many departments of the company.

Press Secretary.

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Good Crowds Attend Houston Local Meet

L. U. 1814, HOUSTON, TEXAS—The monthly meeting of the Local 1814, was held on the night of January 7, 1957. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Brother T. E. Hickey.

It was indeed a pleasure to see so many of the Brothers out. It was one of the best crowds we have had in years. A meeting that has a good attendance always adds interest and inspiration and discussions step along at a lively pace. From time to time it has been proven that the more in attendance, the more subjects will be discussed and more will be thrashed out.

We had the privilege and pleasure of having International Representative Gladney as our guest speaker. After his talk, the members had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss many topics of interest.

Our door prize had reached the total of \$25.00, but the lucky member

was not present, so next meeting it will be increased by \$5.00, and so on until some lucky member wins it. You have to be present to win, fellows, so let's be there every meeting.

Brother Blakney was elected to be our delegate at the Progress meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., in April. Brother Blakney is our recording secretary and we feel that we will be well represented.

All of our officers and committeemen gave splendid reports. These Brothers do a lot of work and your support is appreciated by them. We were happy to see Brother Cole as he had been ill for sometime. We hope he can join the forces in the shops soon. We wish all the other Brothers who are ailing, a speedy recovery.

The meeting ended with refreshments being served, and we had the usual after-meeting "bull sessions."

J. G. BRUNOTTE, P.S.

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Holiday Dance Draws Members of Local 1898

L. U. 1898, LAURELDALE, PA.—December 29th was an important

Holiday Dance of Local 1898



These loyal members of Local 1898, Laureldale, Pa., served as the dance committee for the local's successful "Holiday Dance". Left to right, standing: Mary Ann Rothenberger (a chief steward); Pat Lonaberger; Idella Brown (press secretary); Faith Achenbach (financial secretary). Seated: Wm. Bechtel (an Executive Board member), Kenneth Wert (vice president), Warren Zohn (president), Howard Strouse (chairman, Executive Board), Augustine Bechtel (treasurer). The other is a view of about a third of the "gang" that attended the dance.



night for all the members of Local 1898 and their dates. This was the night of the union's "Holiday Dance." More than 600 persons attended and the committee's efforts were well rewarded by the splendor of it all.

With the holidays and parties going on along with all the serious business, we here at Laureldale have been very busy. Negotiations for a wage increase at this writing, are still incomplete. However, the outlook is very good. There has been a good bit of reconversion going on here at our plant, keeping our stewards alert regarding down-grades and transfers. All the goings-on are helping us gather the experience a young local like ours needs to become a good and strong one.

IDELEA BROWN, P.S.

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Describes Success Of Young Local 1907

L. U. 1907, FINDLAY, OHIO—Since this is our first letter to the JOURNAL, we thought the membership would be interested in knowing a little of our history.

We are a new local only two years, six months old. The local's success is attributed to the hard work and long hours put in by our president, board, stewards and the excellent support of the members of our local union.

Local 1907 was issued a charter September 1, 1954. At our last contract negotiations in May 1956, with the Radio Corporation of America, our Negotiating Committee came out with a good part of what the membership wanted: eighth paid holidays, more insurance benefits, posting of upgrading, 6½-cent wage increase in 1956 and 5/6/7/ cents in successive labor grades, effective May 27, 1957.

Although employment at our local is now in a seasonal slump, we are just getting under way nicely in the production of color television components and are looking forward to a good productive year.

In reviewing events of the past year, our local at this time would like to publicly thank our former International Representative, Brother Paul Menger, who has accepted a position with the International Office as Director of Manufacturing Operations. Brother Menger's service to our local was very much appreciated and we wish him all the success possible in his new position.

Also our President of the past year, W. R. Sheridan resigned as of January 1, 1957 because of family illness. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Brother Sheridan for his efforts on behalf of the membership. The Executive Board appointed Ben Scheib, president.

Annual Christmas Celebration



This is a broad view of the Christmas party held for members of Local 1917, West Orange, N. J. It was a huge success with both management and labor invited for an evening's enjoyment. President of the Thomas A. Edison Co., Mr. Henry G. Ritter, 3rd, (past president of the National Association of Manufacturers) also attended. International Representatives Bill Schrode and Lloyd P. Ritter are shown at the reserved table at left.



The "Official Family" of Local 1917: (seated from left) Press Secretary and Executive Board member Ann J. Taworsky; Executive Board member Margaret C. Doyle; President/Business Manager Peter B. McCue; Treasurer Jeannette M. Gorecke, and Steward Jean Imus. Standing: Financial Secretary Lewis A. White; Steward Charles Fenton; Executive Board member John J. Hoffman; International Representative Lloyd P. Ritter; International Representative William Schrode; Vice President Thomas Johnston; Executive Board member Peter Pernicini, and Steward Matty Kujtkowski.



Awarding the door prize at the Local 1917 party. From left: Vice President and party committee member Thomas Johnston; Party committee member Dave H. Baker; Winner Florence "Mem" McCue, wife of the local's president; Rose DeMichales who drew the winning stub, and Party committee member Joseph Bean. About 150 were in attendance.

The Local's annual Christmas activities for the membership were confined to a Christmas Theater for the children. The party was complete with Santa Claus and all the treats, which proved to be very much a success.

Although the JOURNAL has not heard from Local 1907 in the past we hope to become very much a part of the JOURNAL publications in the future. So until our next letter I will be looking for more news and will sign off for now.

JULIA SNYDER, P.S.

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Local 1917's Second Annual Christmas Fete

L. U. 1917, WEST ORANGE, N. J.—As my first assignment as press secretary for Local 1917 I am submitting items and pictures that were collected at our Second Annual Christmas Party.

The party was held at "The Rock,"

a favorite spot for folks in this area. Brother Peter McCue, our president, and Brother Thomas Johnston, our vice president, headed the party committee. About 150 people attended, including many prominent company officials. The President of Thomas A. Edison's also dropped in. He is Mr. Henry G. Riter 3rd, who was also president of the National Association of Manufacturers a couple of years ago.

One of our own members beat out the music for four hours. The tool-room's Ed Rykowski is also a union musician so naturally he got the job.

Two door prizes were awarded, and as fate would have it, two non-members won them; one was the wife of our own President, Florence "Mem" McCue, and the other was a foreman here, Mr. Joe DeZao.

We were graced with the presence of two International Representatives: Brothers Lloyd P. Ritter and William Schrode.

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They Fight Polio

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county facility which takes care of the polio patients who have progressed enough to be released from the hospital and return home. At Rancho Los Amigos, a member in training for polio equipment mechanic is assigned first to the repair shop and there he works with others for at least two weeks. During this time he disassembles various pieces of equipment in the shop for repairs, observes the repairs and adjustments made by qualified mechanics, and learns the functions of each equipment part.

After the initial period of training, the mechanic makes home service calls with a field mechanic for one week or more, after which he is assigned to hospital duty where he works with the ward mechanics for another month. When he has earned the complete confidence of his foreman, and himself—not before—he is assigned to shift duty and stands his own watch.

In order to provide continuous service, three teams of two men each are required. They work what is known as a fireman's shift—on duty 24 hours and off duty 24 hours, or 72 hours per week. Team A works every other day, as does Team B. Team C is a re-

lief team working on the days when Teams A and B are off duty as well as filling in on vacations and sick leave. One member of the team is assigned to hospital duty and the other to home care.

The duties of the hospital mechanic are to see that all equipment is kept in perfect working condition at all times. The justification for a mechanic of his ability and pay rate on duty is that he is instantly available for those rare emergencies where a delay of a minute may mean a life.

In addition to having the same duties and responsibilities as the hospital mechanic, the home-care mechanic must visit each home where a poliomyelitis patient is being cared for at least once every 30 days. He must make certain that in case he is unavoidably delayed in an emergency elsewhere, there will always be some one in attendance capable of sustaining life until his arrival. He must see that this individual is provided with such necessary equipment as a hand resuscitator, syringe, or aspirator to be used in lieu of a suction machine.

A mobile shop is provided for the home-care man, in addition to

the adequate set of tools and supplies provided for all mechanics. This truck can carry a respirator, generator, 110-volt electrical circuit, and any part needed for the repair of any piece of equipment. The truck is equipped with a two-way radio.

A maximum of 20 hospital patients and 20 home-care patients can be cared for by three teams.

Poliomyelitis equipment mechanics working out of Rancho Los Amigos are furnished with a well lighted shop or work area equipped with a drill press, lathe, hydraulic press, a complete set of tools, special testing equipment, a dependable source for procuring parts and supplies, and all technical data necessary which is furnished by the equipment manufacturers.

At present the poliomyelitis program of Rancho Los Amigos cares for 160 patients in the hospital and more than 100 patients in their homes dispersed over an area of 4,080 square miles. This program has been developed and expanded from an original poliomyelitis load of only two in the hospital and none receiving home care.

Vital Service

This is a tremendously important service to the citizens of this county who are unfortunate enough to be stricken by poliomyelitis, and the IBEW is gratified to know that our members are the people who have the technical know-how to perform a great service to humanity. This is not the usual type of work of a journeyman electrician, but, as always in the IBEW, when a need arises, members of our Brotherhood can be found who can qualify to fill that need. Members of Local Union 11 are proving that every day in their services to hundreds of patients crippled by a dread disease.

(We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of this article from Brother James Lance, recording secretary of L. U. 11, and the co-operation of Brother Walter Booth in supplying information and pictures for the story.)

Brother Invents Heels with Wheels; Eliminates "Down at the Heels" Look

There's always something new under the sun and very often an IBEW man is responsible for getting it on the market.

Brother Henry (Scotty) Shepherd, member of L. U. 11, Los Angeles, has earned his nickname "Scotty." He has invented "Scotch heels." He is pictured here with his patented invention "heels with wheels," guaranteed to make "run-down-at-the heel" shoes a thing of the past.

Brother Scotty was recently interviewed by a Los Angeles reporter who had this to say about him and his invention:

Scotty Shepherd, a Scotsman born in England's Black Country of iron, steel and clay, has always been appalled by the fact that shoe heels have to be replaced after wearing down on only one side.

"Why all that wasted rubber?" Scotty worried 17 years ago. Today he's got it whipped. Like this:

The rear two-thirds of Shepherd's Scotch Heel is a rotating rubber disc. A center button and a rim-bead on this disc slip into a socket and rim-channel on the main body of the rubber heel. Normal walking action slowly rotates the disc, distributing the wear evenly.

So, in theory, and almost in practice, the Scotch Heel wears out all at once.

"And when it does," says Scotty, "you're still standing squarely—no twisted ankle, bowed legs or stretched muscles from riding a rundown heel all day.

"It keeps your foot pressure even and level. It distributes your weight perfectly with minimum wear."

Scotty showed samples, work shoes worn about two years. A pair worn by a friend had heels run down to knife thinness at their outer edges. They were conventional rubber heels, replaced a number of times. Scotty's Scotch Heeled pair showed wear but the shoes stood square on the floor—not a sign of a tilt.



Brother Shepherd displays unique circular heel inset.



After 12 months wear, Scotch heel (left) is still in good condition. Ordinary heel (right), after only six months, is worn out.

Shepherd's idea came from a military boot he wore in England. It had a disc heel. But the disc was put on with a single, center screw through a metal washer. Its disadvantages were: The disc was screwed on the regular heel rather than being built flush as Scotty's is. The screw became loose and rattled on the washer.

Scotty worked with wood models and developed his ideas which are patented in the United States, England, Canada and Australia.

Now for the "commercial." Anyone wishing to purchase a pair of Scotch heels or desiring more

information may contact Brother Shepherd at

Heelcraft Company,
Department P,
1817 W. Willard St.,
Long Beach, California.

Price for the heels—Boy's sizes: \$1.00; Mens: \$1.25 and \$1.50. (Send outline of present heel.)

About Music

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born 1810, died 1856. Most important composer of the early romantic school and creator of as fine piano music as has ever been written.

Sibelius, Jean. Finnish, born 1865, considered one of world's most outstanding modern composers. *Finlandia*, a tone poem is his best known work.

Strauss, Richard. German, born 1864, died, 1949—famous for his symphonic poems and his operas.

Stravinsky, Igor. Russian, born 1882—known as "Master of the Ballet." One of the most brilliant of modern composers.

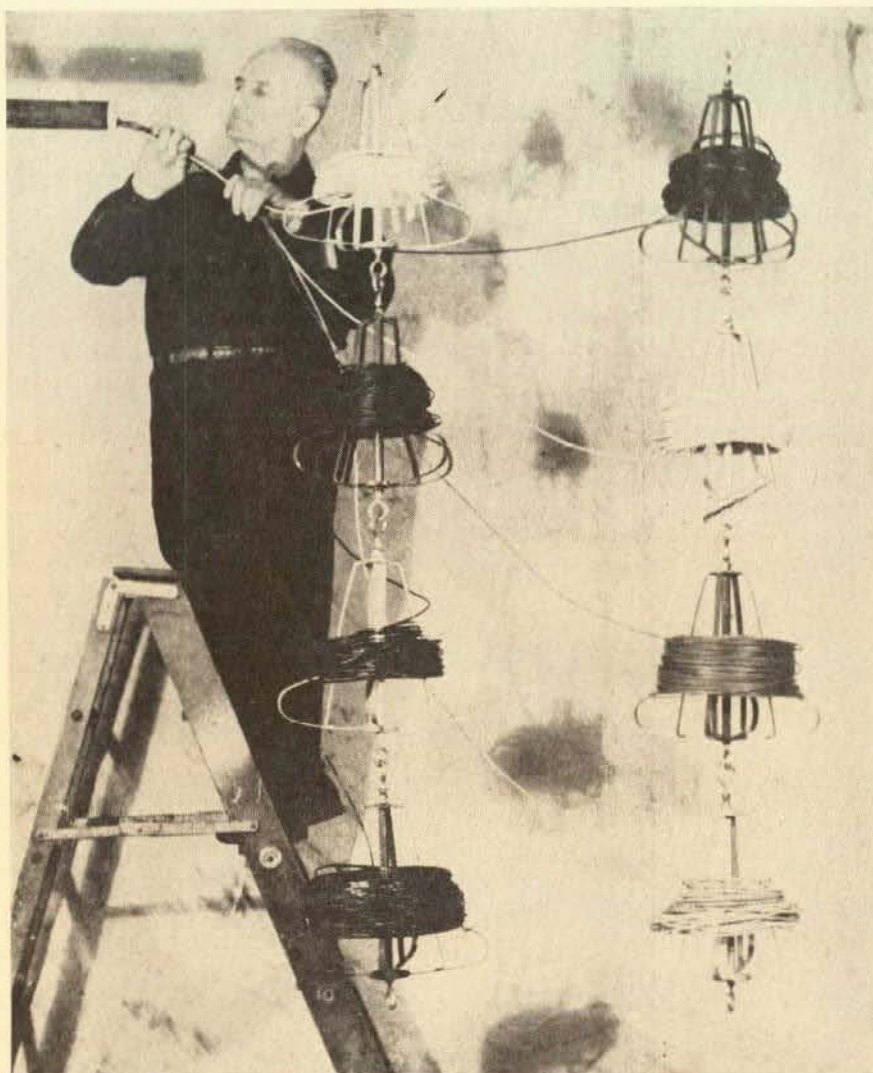
Tschaikowsky, Peter. Russian, born 1840, died 1896. Sometimes belittled because of the sentimental aspect of his work, his music is perhaps the best known in all the world. Melodies from his symphonies and concertos are recognized and sung in all countries.

Verdi, Giuseppe. Italian, born 1813, died 1901. Aside from Wagner, most prolific of all opera composers. Songs from *Il Trovatore*, *La Trovata* and *Rigoletto* are loved the world over.

Wagner, Richard. German, born 1813, died 1883. Experts consider that there is nothing in music to compare with the drama of Wagner's mighty operas. He is considered to have revolutionized grand opera.

With these thumbnail sketches on just some of the music greats, we conclude this article intended to be a conversation stimulant on "Let's Talk About Music." Later we hope to do a follow-up story on the instruments and characteristics of the Symphony Orchestra and other topics that may prove interesting to all music lovers in the Brotherhood.

Invents Pay Out Reel



Pictured above is Brother A. B. Weaver, a member of L. U. 129, Lorain, Ohio, who is on I.B.E.W. pension at present. He is shown with a pay out reel which he invented and patented.

This reel folds for storage, weighs only three pounds; adjusting tension,

will not back lash. It works also with romex. Cost of the reel is \$7.00.

Any brother or local union interested in securing a reel from Brother Weaver may contact him through Grover C. Withrow, financial secretary of L. U. 129, 106 W. 18th St., Lorain, Ohio.

With The Ladies

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quickly. Take the religious program, "Life Is Worth Living." It really is, so why don't we start living it as if it were?

There are the gay comedy shows—Jackie Gleason's, Sid Caesar's, George Gobel's, the "I Love Lucy" performance, for example. We can take a tip from these and learn to relax more, and laugh more. It's good for our dispositions and consequently for everybody else's happiness.

"Noah's Ark"—a very good show which recently went off the net work,

had much to offer on kindness and love of animals. This we should remember in the teaching of children. The child who is taught kindness for the small helpless creatures of earth, is the child who will grow up to be a responsible, lovable and loving adult. A cruel man is never a lovable man, and kindness or cruelty begin in childhood.

And just as in an evening of television, we can't ignore the commercials, we had better mention them here in this article. Some of the hints that are given to the ladies for keeping themselves more beautiful and better groomed might well be taken to heart. We all want to be attractive

but it takes effort, let's make the effort.

Well gals—that does it for another month. Till April then—let TV be your guide!!

QUIZ ANSWERS

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Reading from top to bottom, labels and insignia in first row are those of: Grain Millers, Musicians, International Alliance of Theatrical and State Employees, Hosiery Workers, Broom and Whisk Makers, Motor Coach Employees, Plate Printers and Die Stampers, Operating Engineers and United Textile Workers. Second row, reading top to bottom: Painters and Decorators, Typographers, Paper Makers, Bakers and Confectioners, Glove Workers, Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, Jewelry Workers and Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers. Third row, top to bottom: Carpenters, Stereotypers and Electrotypers, Photo Engravers, Wall Paperers, Barbers, Glass Bottle Blowers, Stove Mounters, Horseshoers, Sheet Metal Workers, Tobacco Workers, and Bill Posters, Billers and Distributors.

Research

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in the state legislatures so that there will be no doubt about how you stand on this issue.

The benefits of union security are enjoyed by lawyers and physicians throughout the country. Most state laws require membership in good standing in local medical and bar associations for these people to practice their professions legally. Yet the "Right-to-Work" propagandists would deny these same benefits to organized labor in order to increase the profits of those short-sighted employers who would sacrifice the stability of good relations with recognized and responsible unions to greater immediate profits.

ON THE JOB



WHEN IT COUNTS

1957 RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Death Claims for January, 1957

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
1. O. (1)	Burdorf, O.	1,000.00	8	Doral, J. E.	1,000.00	474	Moss, H. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Rader, D. T.	1,000.00	9	Pringle, T. E., Jr.	1,000.00	477	Robbins, M. G.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Weissner, H. C.	1,000.00	11	Kingery, R. O.	475.00	481	Evans, H. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Somers, E. P.	1,000.00	11	Brown, C. A.	1,000.00	490	Gray, T. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Daniel, F.	1,000.00	16	Kingsbury, C. B.	1,000.00	494	Sorenson, M. H.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Geiger, R.	1,000.00	17	Fox, L. C.	1,000.00	499	Smith, L. B.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Roth, W. H.	1,000.00	17	Longstrech, W.	1,000.00	499	Fisher, R. H.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Ecklund, C.	1,000.00	18	Kieren, A. J.	1,000.00	500	Molino, F.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Wasson, W. J.	1,000.00	18	Neels, H. J.	1,000.00	501	Schweitzer, J.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Arnaud, E.	1,000.00	18	Wagner, J.	1,000.00	529	Herbridge, H. L.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Rhoads, A.	1,000.00	23	Schmall, E.	1,000.00	531	Peckat, R. R.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Bell, A. G.	1,000.00	25	Phillips, W. P.	825.00	534	Best, J. A.	1,000.00
1. O. (18)	Sando, R. J.	1,000.00	26	Southern, G. I.	1,000.00	542	Best, R. R.	500.00
1. O. (29)	Holt, C.	1,000.00	27	Beattie, H. W.	1,000.00	551	Kelly, C. W.	1,000.00
1. O. (28)	Kinker, V.	1,000.00	28	Gosnell, L. S.	1,000.00	557	Owens, J. B.	1,000.00
1. O. (28)	Noone, L. E.	1,000.00	31	Stanley, W. F.	1,000.00	558	Thrasher, J. H.	1,000.00
1. O. (30)	Graves, C. S.	1,000.00	32	Shrider, W. E.	1,000.00	558	Jones, R.	1,000.00
1. O. (41)	Wilson, E. J.	1,000.00	38	Reeka, S. G.	1,000.00	561	Coutu, A.	1,000.00
1. O. (41)	Morgenstern, J. E.	1,000.00	38	Hospodar, G.	1,000.00	568	Caron, A.	475.00
1. O. (52)	Denares, M. A.	1,000.00	38	Selby, W. B.	1,000.00	574	Carlson, F.	1,000.00
1. O. (52)	Pittpatrick, J. A.	1,000.00	48	Baylebs, T. A.	150.00	574	Gustafson, A. T.	1,000.00
1. O. (58)	Rorabacher, C.	1,000.00	48	Grieve, W. L.	1,000.00	584	Blackwood, C. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	Hyer, C. E.	1,000.00	49	West, J. C.	1,000.00	600	Leedle, C.	1,000.00
1. O. (104)	Donohue, T. J.	1,000.00	53	Duncan, F.	1,000.00	602	Smith, R. B.	1,000.00
1. O. (104)	Jackson, J. R.	1,000.00	57	Jensen, H. D.	300.00	602	Gard, C. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (110)	Mulligan, W.	150.00	57	Loderster, H. E.	1,000.00	619	Evans, R. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (120)	Stauffer, R. F.	1,000.00	64	Williams, R.	1,000.00	620	Debaek, M.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Wriedemann, T. J.	1,000.00	65	Hawk, H. R.	1,000.00	640	Speicher, F. A.	650.00
1. O. (134)	Zaander, C.	1,000.00	76	Punk, C. W.	1,000.00	643	Ford, W. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Goggin, B.	1,000.00	77	Houchin, C.	1,000.00	655	Hensley, R. H.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Hyne, J. S.	1,000.00	77	Christianson, C.	1,000.00	664	Lambert, A.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Dowle, W. A.	1,000.00	79	Hamblin, J. E.	1,000.00	664	Hanes, T.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Shokan, L.	1,000.00	84	Christophor, C. A.	1,000.00	678	Lloyd, J. J.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Hackett, W. J., Sr.	1,000.00	84	Trent, G. E.	1,000.00	681	Allison, E.	650.00
1. O. (134)	Hoersted, E.	1,000.00	96	Mastres, E. J., Jr.	1,000.00	697	Riggins, E. L.	1,000.00
1. O. (136)	Pugh, W. T.	2,000.00	96	Mekunas, J. A.	1,000.00	702	Parrian, Z. T.	1,000.00
1. O. (139)	Pfecher, H. D.	1,000.00	98	Hays, R. S.	1,000.00	712	Jarrett, J. R.	1,000.00
1. O. (145)	Dowle, J. H.	1,000.00	108	Johnson, J. P.	1,000.00	716	Venard, E. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (166)	Petersen, A. C.	1,000.00	116	Palmer, R. E.	1,000.00	731	Gilchrist, E. W.	1,000.00
1. O. (178)	Seymour, H. T.	1,000.00	116	Cornette, J. L.	1,000.00	739	Hittner, C. J.	1,000.00
1. O. (200)	Lamborn, P. C.	1,000.00	125	Corenan, J. J.	1,000.00	774	Anson, H. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (213)	Miller, F.	1,000.00	130	Tschirn, C.	1,000.00	807	Blessing, C. D.	650.00
1. O. (258)	Bradley, A. P.	1,000.00	131	Wiley, W. S.	150.00	820	Orange, H.	1,000.00
1. O. (261)	Lindley, U. C.	1,000.00	134	Quandt, R.	1,000.00	825	Rowland, J. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (281)	Stanley, L. E.	1,000.00	141	Smith, J. W.	1,000.00	830	Post, C. H.	1,000.00
1. O. (309)	Ziegler, C. F.	1,000.00	145	Anderson, R.	1,000.00	846	Mathews, C. C., Jr.	1,000.00
1. O. (333)	Eaton, E. A.	1,000.00	152	Lucas, D. A.	300.00	872	Gwinn, C. M.	1,000.00
1. O. (358)	Lund, C. J.	1,000.00	183	Spears, J. R.	300.00	872	Taylor, E. C.	1,000.00
1. O. (359)	Barry, R. E.	1,000.00	184	Green, J. W.	300.00	873	Englund, K.	400.00
1. O. (371)	Wolfe, M. N.	825.00	191	Sundstrom, E. L.	1,000.00	873	Wilson, H. M.	1,000.00
1. O. (397)	Lalier, W. F.	1,000.00	193	Barber, J. D.	1,000.00	880	Forrest, W. J.	1,000.00
1. O. (415)	Welch, R. R.	1,000.00	196	Lundquist, W. F.	1,000.00	894	Harmann, R. G.	650.00
1. O. (481)	Thomas, H. J.	1,000.00	212	Becker, H.	1,000.00	908	Dailey, W. S., Jr.	1,000.00
1. O. (528)	Swennin, C.	1,000.00	212	Fensterstein, E. W.	1,000.00	928	Vandensen, L. P.	1,000.00
1. O. (564)	Campbell, P.	1,000.00	213	Johnson, A. E.	825.00	928	Allee, J. M.	650.00
1. O. (611)	Dry, D.	1,000.00	213	Nicholson, H. W.	1,000.00	934	Chaffin, T. J.	1,000.00
1. O. (697)	Knuth, W.	1,000.00	214	Ernsh, F. L.	1,000.00	948	Long, C. D.	825.00
1. O. (702)	Huff, W. C.	1,000.00	214	Sandmeyer, M., Jr.	1,000.00	948	Sibilsky, H.	825.00
1. O. (713)	Hafstad, L.	1,000.00	257	Crane, C. B.	1,000.00	953	Pettis, W. R.	1,000.00
1. O. (723)	Hughes, A. M.	1,000.00	294	Brown, W. L.	1,000.00	1049	Chilar, H. R.	825.00
1. O. (734)	Kaufman, D.	1,000.00	300	Bolsvert, G. A.	1,000.00	1049	McCallister, C. G.	1,000.00
1. O. (756)	Zahn, M. J.	1,000.00	304	Combs, C. E.	475.00	1060	Ogonek, P.	1,000.00
1. O. (854)	Brooks, E. M.	1,000.00	312	Baker, C. M., Jr.	1,000.00	1105	Rian, W. C.	1,000.00
1. O. (898)	Williams, C. J.	1,000.00	322	Rockhill, E.	1,000.00	1131	Hays, L. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (937)	Barrett, J. T.	1,000.00	326	MacCumber, W. R.	1,000.00	1135	Davis, C. B.	1,000.00
1. O. (977)	Giddings, J. A.	1,000.00	351	Russell, E. J.	1,000.00	1186	Agan, R.	1,000.00
1. O. (1579)	Elson, G. E.	1,000.00	352	Garver, R. R.	1,000.00	1245	Banks, J. D.	650.00
3	Lavery, M.	150.00	357	Radcliffe, F. A.	1,000.00	1302	Porter, W. B.	1,000.00
3	Florence, J. P.	1,000.00	359	Morrow, A. W.	80.41	1315	Taylor, V. W.	1,000.00
3	Flippner, F. J.	1,000.00	369	Noble, J. L., Sr.	1,000.00	1318	Cofer, H. C.	1,000.00
3	Kellogg, A. M.	1,000.00	369	Strong, A. T.	1,000.00	1326	Grant, A. C.	1,000.00
3	Lindholm, E. G.	1,000.00	369	Dallas, W. L.	1,000.00	1389	Bell, L. A.	1,000.00
3	Morrison, J.	1,000.00	381	Wolter, C. R.	1,000.00	1392	Officer, J. P.	1,000.00
3	Reechia, C.	1,000.00	390	Mathews, H. A.	1,000.00	1393	Terhorst, H. J.	1,000.00
3	Mielol, H. S.	1,000.00	397	Rosan, W. H.	1,000.00	1393	Bartley, J. B.	1,000.00
3	O'Neill, W. S.	1,000.00	405	Minor, F.	1,000.00	1401	Balshaw, A. O.	1,000.00
3	Wallace, E. R.	1,000.00	409	Pullin, H. D.	1,000.00	1404	Stewart, E. R.	1,000.00
3	Torla, A.	1,000.00	409	McDonnell, J.	1,000.00	1547	Dean, L. G.	1,000.00
3	Henrichs, J.	1,000.00	425	Bracken, O.	1,000.00	1710	Carrillo, M. J.	1,000.00
3	Vernon, H. B.	1,000.00	427	Spring, L. O.	1,000.00	1756	Hosmer, C.	1,000.00
7	Lennon, W. J.	1,000.00	428	Thompson, R. D.	475.00	1823	Lewis, C. L.	1,000.00
7	McGrath, A. F.	1,000.00	429	Gray, J. F., Jr.	1,000.00	1875	Richards, J. M.	1,000.00
8	Hasemeyer, H. A.	1,000.00	429	Allen, O. R.	1,000.00	1905	Dupont, G. C.	1,000.00
8	Holt, F.	1,000.00	440	Ketchum, R. M.	500.00			
					Total	\$250,839.41		

Wonderland

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blue and amber tones, thus creating most beautiful and colorful formations.

Some of the stalactites exceed 50 feet in length and the smaller ones defy count in numbers—in one canopy alone above "Imperial Spring" 40,000 have been seen.

In some instances the stalactites have other qualities besides beauty.

For example, the "Swords of the Titans"—monstrous blades, eight in number, 50 feet long and 3 to 8 feet wide, but hollow and drawn to a thin edge, fill the caverns with a sound like a tolling bell, when struck heavily with the hand.

At Luray there are no true streams and springs. However, there are hundreds of basins, in

varying sizes from one to 50 feet in diameter, some of them 15 feet deep. The water in them is very pure but it is impregnated with carbonate of lime which often forms concretions described according to size as pearls, eggs, snowballs and cannonballs.

Space will not permit a longer account of this particular wonderland beneath the earth. Our readers will have to visit and see and admire them for themselves.

IN MEMORIAM

Prayer for Our Deceased Members

"Home is the sailor, home from sea, and the hunter home from the hill."

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Thou Who has created a wonderful home in heaven for all who believe in Thee, we call on Thee today. We list here in sorrow the names of many of our Brothers who have passed on. Have mercy on them, Father, these Electrical Workers who did Thy bidding, in bringing light to the world to which Thou gavest the command, "Let there be light!" Stretch out Thy hand in love and mercy, dear God, and lead them into the homes of heaven Thou has prepared for those who love Thee.

Deal kindly with their loved ones, Father. Love them and comfort them through all the days of their life and make bright for them the promise of reunion in heaven.

Guide us too, O Lord, and love us. Keep us walking in the way of Thy truth. Make us true children of God and brothers to each other. Make us to work earnestly, live honestly, love sincerely, so that when our time also comes, we shall leave this mortal life, not in fear and suffering but in joy for the anticipation of going home. Amen.

Clarence B. Kingsbury, L. U. No. 16

Born August 13, 1894
Initiated July 14, 1934
Died December 26, 1956

Edgar D. Clements, L. U. No. 17

Born February 1, 1903
Initiated May 9, 1938
Died December 2, 1956

Leslie C. Fox, L. U. No. 17

Born December 31, 1897
Initiated February 2, 1944
Died December 29, 1956

W. C. Lindsey, L. U. No. 17

Born September 4, 1896
Initiated July 11, 1924
in L. U. No. 298
Died January, 1957

William B. Longstreth, L. U. No. 17

Born March 13, 1901
Initiated April 4, 1942
in L. U. No. 906
Died January, 1957

Leroy N. Gosnell, L. U. No. 28

Born August 4, 1900
Initiated January 12, 1948
Died January 14, 1957

Vernon M. Kinker, L. U. No. 28

Born February 5, 1891
Initiated June 13, 1919
Died January 6, 1957

Daniel Rogers, L. U. No. 28

Born July 25, 1904
Reinitiated July 7, 1939
Died January 28, 1957

John E. Morgenstern, L. U. No. 41

Born August 15, 1889
Initiated May 31, 1932
Died December 22, 1956

Harry B. Becker, L. U. No. 212

Born January 10, 1893
Initiated January 28, 1920
Died December 29, 1956

Edwin W. Feuerstein, L. U. No. 212

Born January 3, 1889
Initiated May 8, 1907
Died January 3, 1957

Leo F. Ober, L. U. No. 212

Born August 19, 1893
Initiated November 15, 1922
Died January 9, 1957

William L. Brown, L. U. No. 294

Born September 10, 1899
Initiated February 16, 1943
Died December 3, 1956

Marjorie M. Taylor, L. U. No. 310

Born September 26, 1904
Initiated February 19, 1946
Died January 22, 1957

Ernest A. Eaton, L. U. No. 333

Born May 19, 1886
Initiated September 12, 1916
Died December 6, 1956

Walter Dallas, L. U. No. 369

Born August 21, 1916
Reinitiated May 26, 1939
Died January 5, 1957

A. T. Strong, L. U. No. 369

Born November 5, 1900
Initiated February 24, 1941
Died January 4, 1957

J. J. Evoy, L. U. No. 381

Born July 29, 1901
Initiated July 1, 1947
Died December 11, 1956

Chester R. Wolter, L. U. No. 381

Born September 13, 1909
Initiated July 1, 1947
Died January 5, 1957

Richard D. Thompson, L. U. No. 428

Born June 16, 1934
Initiated July 22, 1954
Died January 4, 1957

Sam T. Breazeale, L. U. No. 558

Born May 30, 1902
Initiated January 17, 1935
Died January 22, 1957

William Spoo, L. U. No. 713

Born May 1, 1911
Initiated January 16, 1952
Died January, 1957

Seth Svedeen, L. U. No. 713

Born June 18, 1898
Initiated April 26, 1954
Died January, 1957

L. A. Childer, L. U. No. 760

Born October 22, 1905
Initiated May 5, 1947
Died January 11, 1957

Jack D. Banks, L. U. No. 1245

Born March 16, 1930
Initiated September 4, 1953
Died November 29, 1956

Earl Burns, L. U. No. 1245

Born September 14, 1900
Initiated September 1, 1942
Died November 18, 1956

Donald Hudiburg, L. U. No. 1245

Born April 21, 1930
Initiated March 9, 1951
Died November 18, 1956

Frank G. Juarez, L. U. No. 1245

Initiated April 1, 1953
Died November 7, 1956

Alfred H. Juhnke, L. U. No. 1245

Born May 20, 1906
Initiated July 16, 1945
Died January 5, 1957

Marion J. Danton, L. U. No. 1439

Born June 15, 1904
Initiated February 25, 1946
Died January 21, 1957

James C. Lance, L. U. No. 1439

Born November 9, 1901
Initiated October 19, 1943
Died January 22, 1957

Joseph A. Merlotti, L. U. No. 1439

Born June 10, 1899
Initiated February 25, 1946
Died January 13, 1957

Herman A. Mische, L. U. No. 1439

Born January 28, 1903
Initiated February 26, 1946
Died January 21, 1957

Francis N. Nolan, L. U. No. 1439

Born August 13, 1892
Initiated February 25, 1946
Died December 29, 1956

Julian L. Smith, L. U. No. 1439

Born October 12, 1899
Initiated September 1, 1952
Died December 15, 1956

Leslie G. Condit, L. U. No. 1470

Born February 9, 1899
Initiated April 1, 1950
Died January 19, 1957

Matty Smagalla, L. U. No. 1470

Initiated April 1, 1949
Died January 1, 1957

John Joseph Zalapukes, L. U. No. 1470

Born July 16, 1911
Initiated December 24, 1948
Died January 12, 1957

Bernard A. Clark, L. U. No. 1505

Initiated November 1, 1953
Died January 24, 1957

Stephen C. Connelly, L. U. No. 1505

Born March 25, 1895
Initiated January 5, 1946
Died December 6, 1956

John Flynn, L. U. No. 1505

Born March 1, 1893
Initiated May 1, 1946
Died December 27, 1956

Lorraine R. Pina, L. U. No. 1505

Initiated November 1, 1954
Died January 20, 1957

Charles F. Seested, L. U. No. 1505

Born August 10, 1892
Initiated April 30, 1950
Died January 7, 1957

Bernard Corona, L. U. No. 1857

Born November 12, 1901
Initiated October 6, 1953
Died January 14, 1957

John M. Richards, L. U. No. 1875

Born February 10, 1898
Initiated February 19, 1937
Died December 27, 1956

PRUDENT STUDENT

During a lecture on science the instructor asked one student: "This gas contains poison. What steps would you take if it escaped?"

"Long ones," came the reply.

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NO HELP

Filling out an application for a job, the chap answered "no" to a question as to whether he had dependents.

"Say, you're married, aren't you?" asked the clerk who knew him.

"Oh, sure," came the answer, "but my wife ain't dependable."

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CLOSE SHAVE

A little boy asked his mother where his baby brother, a new arrival had come from. He was assured that he had come from Heaven. "Gee," said the older lad, "they sure do give close haircuts up there, don't they?"

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GOOD QUESTION

New recruit: "Can I have a latchkey of the barracks, Sarge, in case I'm late getting back tonight?"

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INVITING

A fat dowager in a crowded Main street bus trod upon the foot of an irritable gent who was trying to read his newspaper.

"Madam," he said coldly, "I will ask you to kindly get off my foot."

"Put your foot where it belongs," she said sharply.

"Don't tempt me, Madam, don't tempt me," he murmured.

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WORTH THE DIFFERENCE

Customer: "What's the difference between the blueplate special and the whiteplate special?"

Waiter: "The whiteplate special is five cents extra."

Customer: "Is the food better on the whiteplate special?"

Waiter: "No, but we have to wash the plates."



FULL DAY

A farmer who went to a large city to see the sights engaged a room at a hotel, and before retiring asked the clerk about the hours for meals.

"We have breakfast from 7 to 11, dinner from 12 to 3, and supper from 6 to 8," explained the clerk.

"Look here," inquired the farmer in surprise, "what time am I going to see the town?"

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NO HARM DONE

The well-dressed young matron and her little girl had just seated themselves in the parlor car when a seedy, shabbily-dressed fellow entered the car and sat down beside them. Wanting to rid herself of what she considered an undesir-

able traveling companion, she leaned over to the man and whispered:

"I think you ought to know, sir, that my little girl is recuperating from a severe case of scarlet fever, which might still be contagious."

"Oh, don't worry about me, madam," interrupted the man. "I'm committing suicide in the first tunnel, anyway."

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NOT KEEN

"I hear your daughter is practicing the harp. How is she getting on?"

"Well, her mother isn't quite so keen on going to heaven as she was."

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MENTAL CRUELTY

Attorney: "Why do you want a divorce?"

Irate Wife: "My husband is always singing 'Smoke Gets in Your Eyes' to me."

Attorney: "What's wrong with that?"

Wife: "While he holds my head in the furnace?"

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A LITTLE SERVICE

The lady visitor gave Timmy an orange. "What do you say to the nice lady, Timmy?" his mother asked.

"Peel it," said Timmy promptly.

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*You're the light of my life,
The cream in my tea,
The peas on my knife,
The "whiz" in my "gee,"
The jam on my roll,
And, what's a lot worse,
You're also the hole
In my empty purse!*

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RHYMED DEFINITIONS

*He who throws his weight around
Is sure to spread hate around!*

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ANOTHER VERSION

*He who throws his weight around,
Is the one who sows hate around!*
A Bit O' Luck

AME GLICK,
Local Union 3,
New York, N. Y.

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THE GREATEST RULE

*I'd like to say a word,
To all this year's exultant grooms,
I'd like to say a word,
To bring them happiness
Of heaven's vaulted rooms.*

*Spend less for jeweled things,
Of finery to deck her form,
Then patient tenderness,
To keep her spirit warm.*

D. A. HOOVER,
L. U. 1306.

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REVERIE

*Four-leaf clover guarding green
Clover leaves of three
Are you king or are you queen
Or pylon for a bee.*

ERNIE BRANT,
L. U. 136.

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CARD NO.....

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